

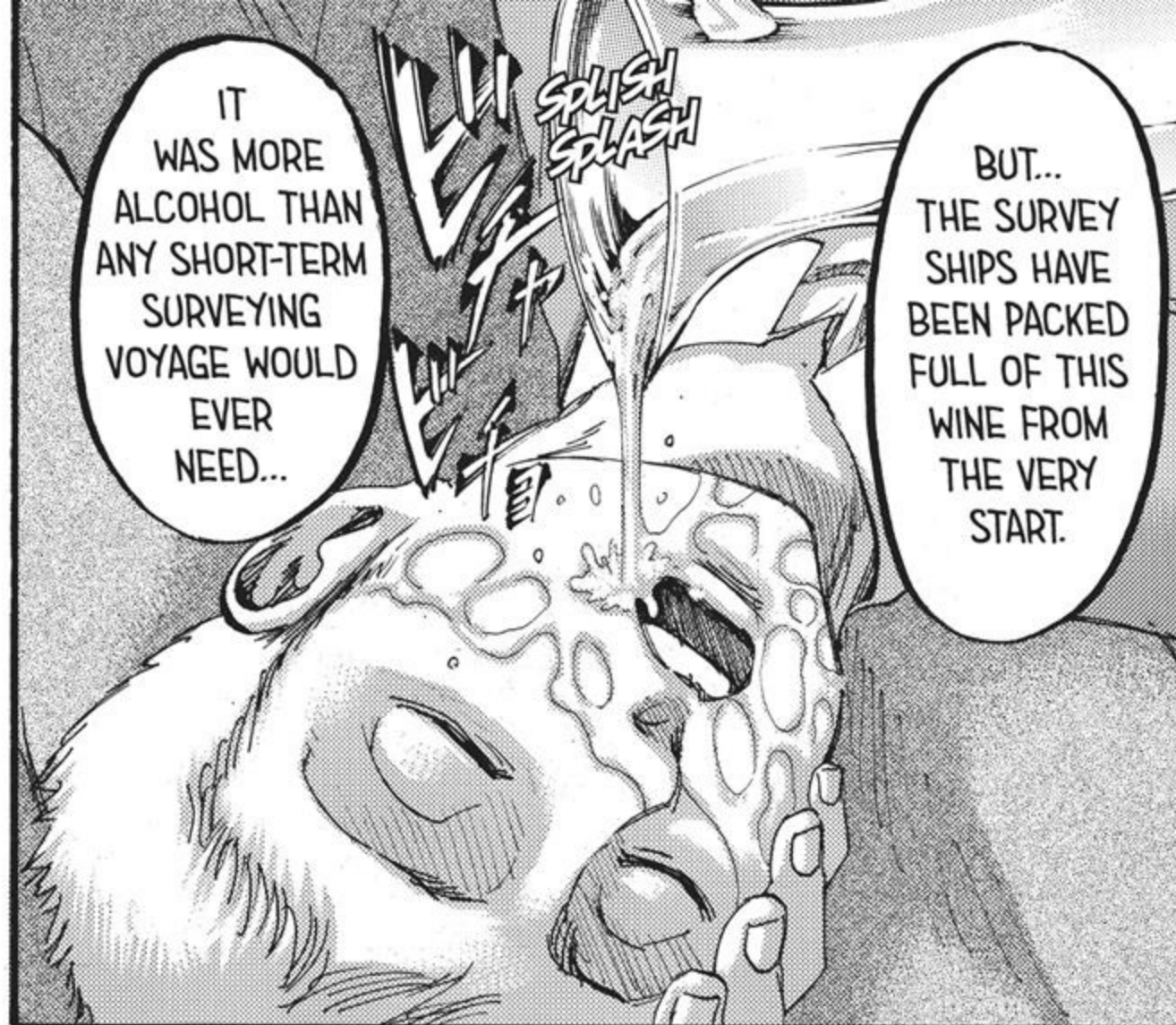


BOOM



ZEKE'S
SPINAL
FLUID IS
IN THE
WINE...?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN...?



IT WAS MORE ALCOHOL THAN ANY SHORT-TERM SURVEYING VOYAGE WOULD EVER NEED...

SPLASH
SPLASH

BUT... THE SURVEY SHIPS HAVE BEEN PACKED FULL OF THIS WINE FROM THE VERY START.



I DON'T HAVE PROOF ...



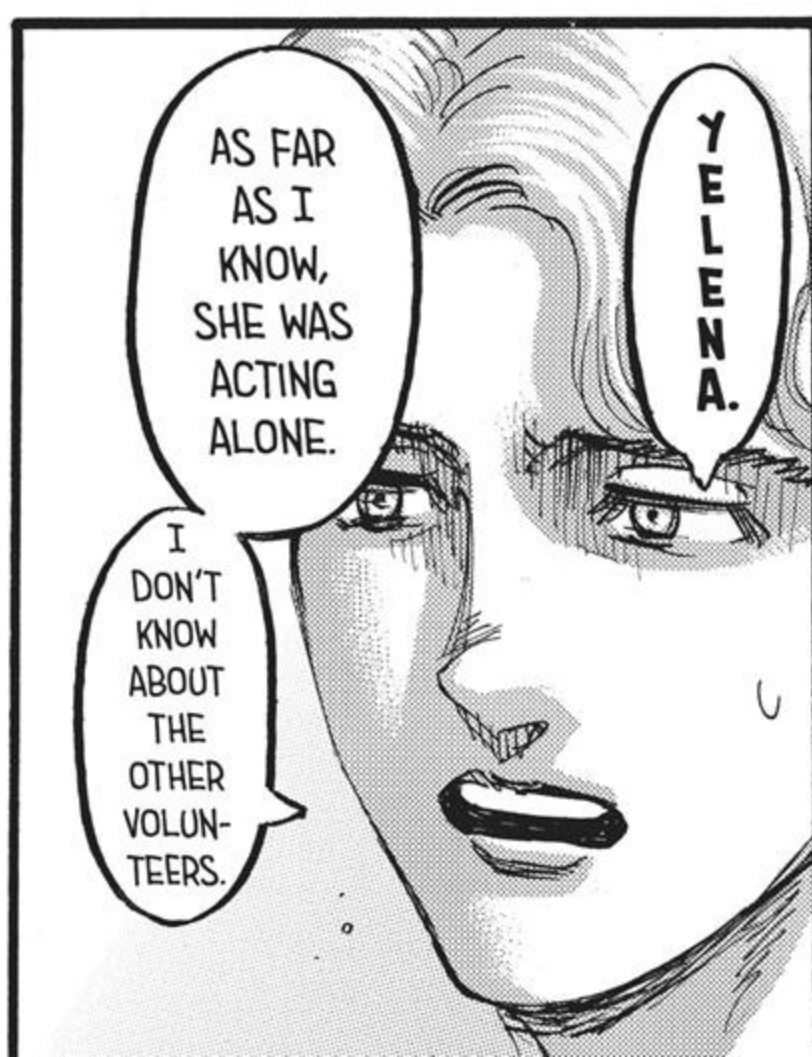
...I WAS TOLD TO SERVE IT TO THE MILITARY, STARTING WITH HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS.

AGAIN.

AND... JUST AS I STARTED TO SETTLE IN HERE AS THE CHEF..



I-I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THIS BEFORE, EITHER ...!



AS FAR AS I KNOW, SHE WAS ACTING ALONE.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER VOLUNTEERS.

Y E L E N A.



WHO TOLD YOU ?!



THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENED
IN RAGAKO
...



ELDIANS
FREEZE UP
THE MOMENT
THEY DRINK
ZEKE'S SPINAL
FLUID, RIGHT?!



BUT...IT
DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE!



IT'S
NOT LIKE
ANYONE SAW
IT HAPPENING.
THERE'S NO
WAY WE CAN
CONFIRM.

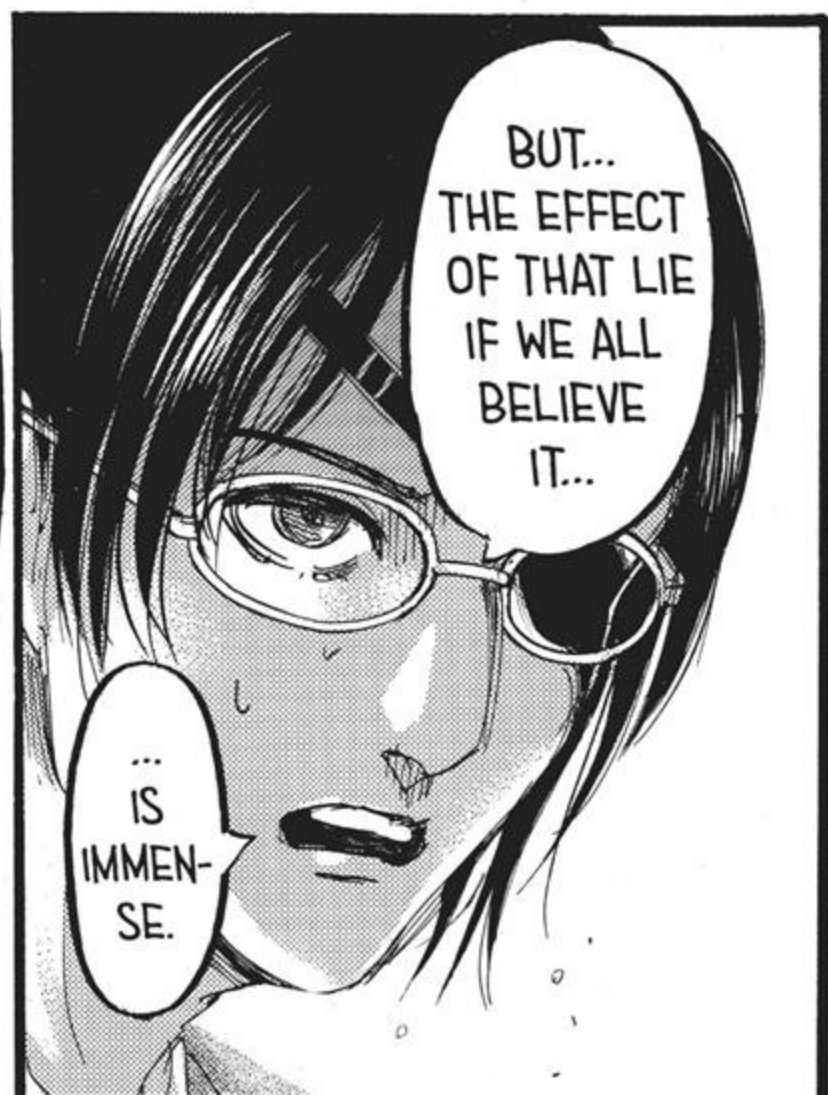


THAT'S
JUST WHAT
ZEKE
SAID.



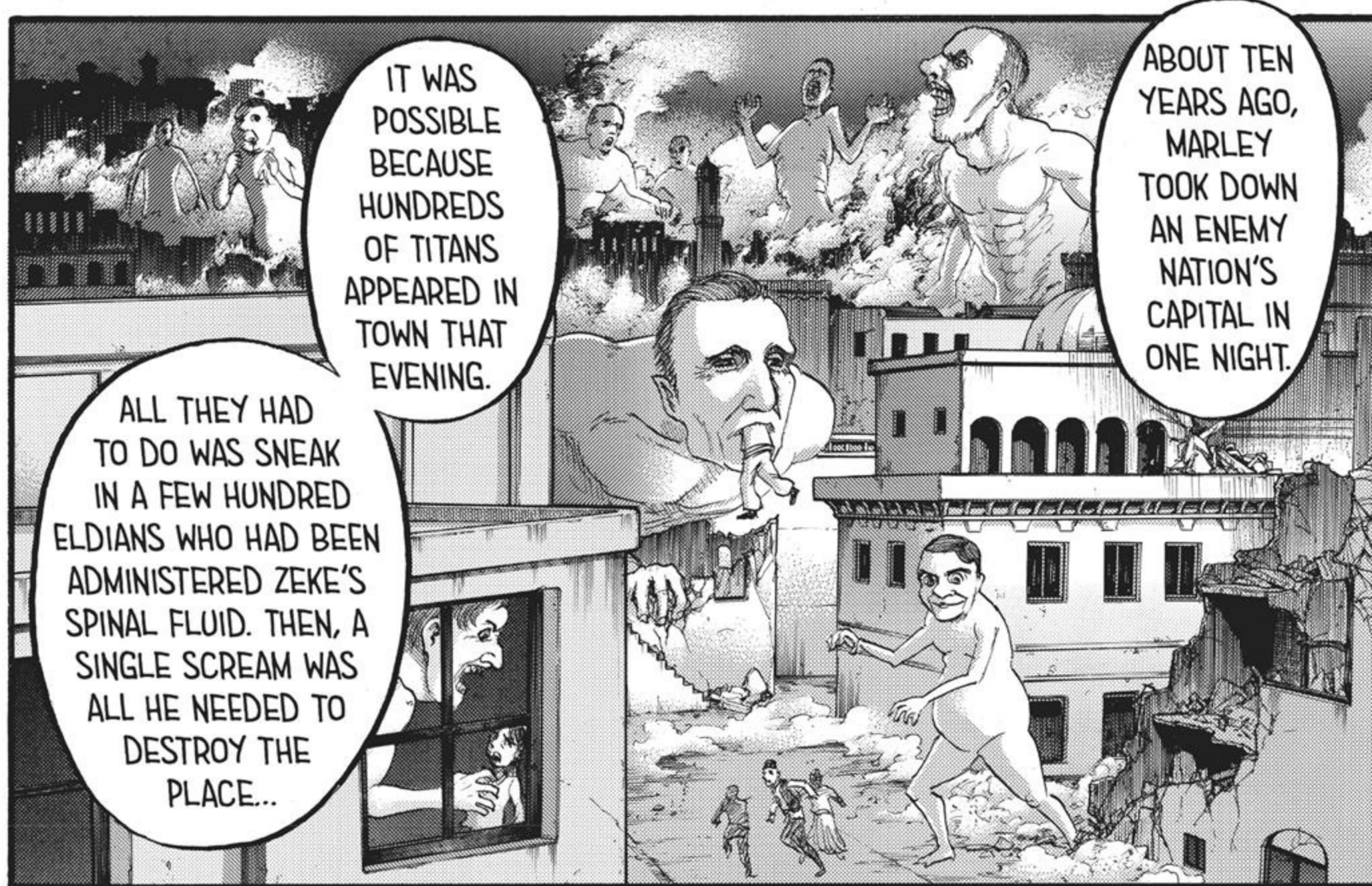
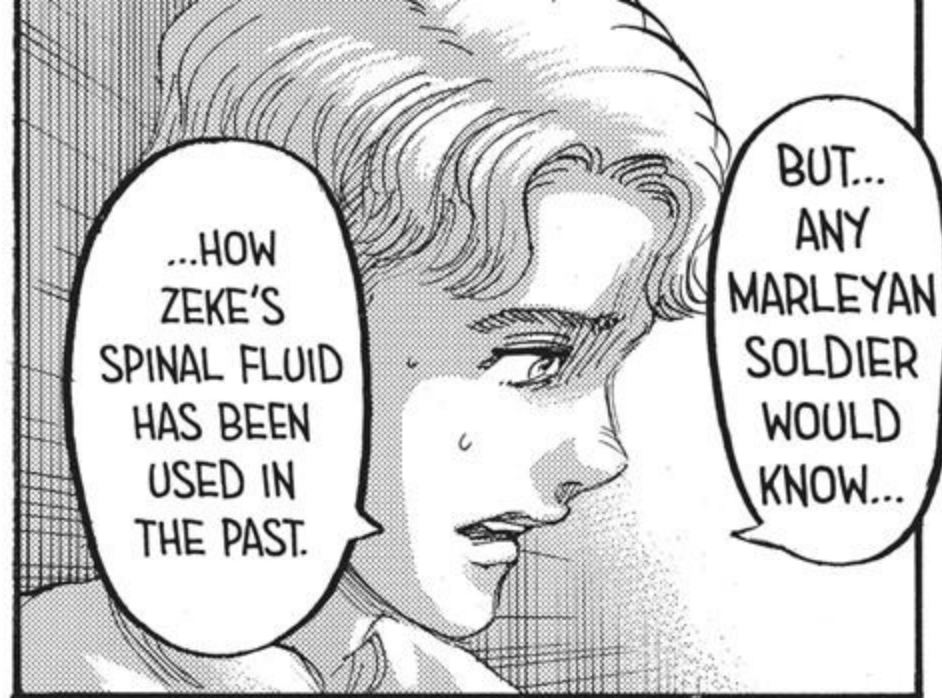
...NO ONE
WOULD EVER
THINK
THEY'VE BEEN
POISONED
AS LONG AS
WE DON'T
SEE THOSE
SYMPTOMS.

IF WE
BELIEVE
THAT WE'LL
FREEZE UP
AFTER
BEING DOSED
WITH ZEKE'S
SPINAL
FLUID...



BUT...
THE EFFECT
OF THAT LIE
IF WE ALL
BELIEVE
IT...

...
IS
IMMEN-
SE.





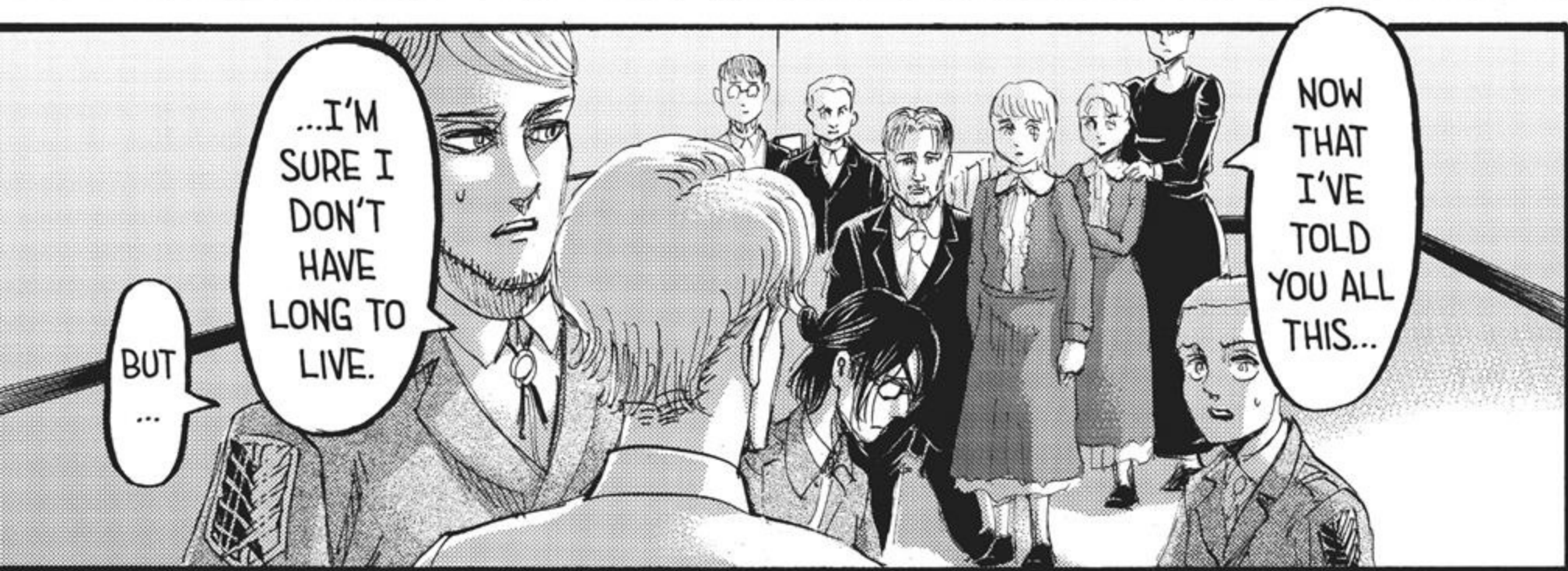
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO SCOUT THIS ISLAND OF DEVILS... AND SAVE THE WORLD...

...I DON'T KNOW... WHAT AM I DOING, ANYWAY?



WAS THAT... TO PROTECT US?!

WHEN YOU TOOK THAT WINE OUT OF OUR HANDS EARLIER...



BUT ...

...I'M SURE I DON'T HAVE LONG TO LIVE.

NOW THAT I'VE TOLD YOU ALL THIS...



...NOT YET. BUT...

...I CAN'T BE AS FORGIVING AS YOU...

MISTER BLOUSE ...

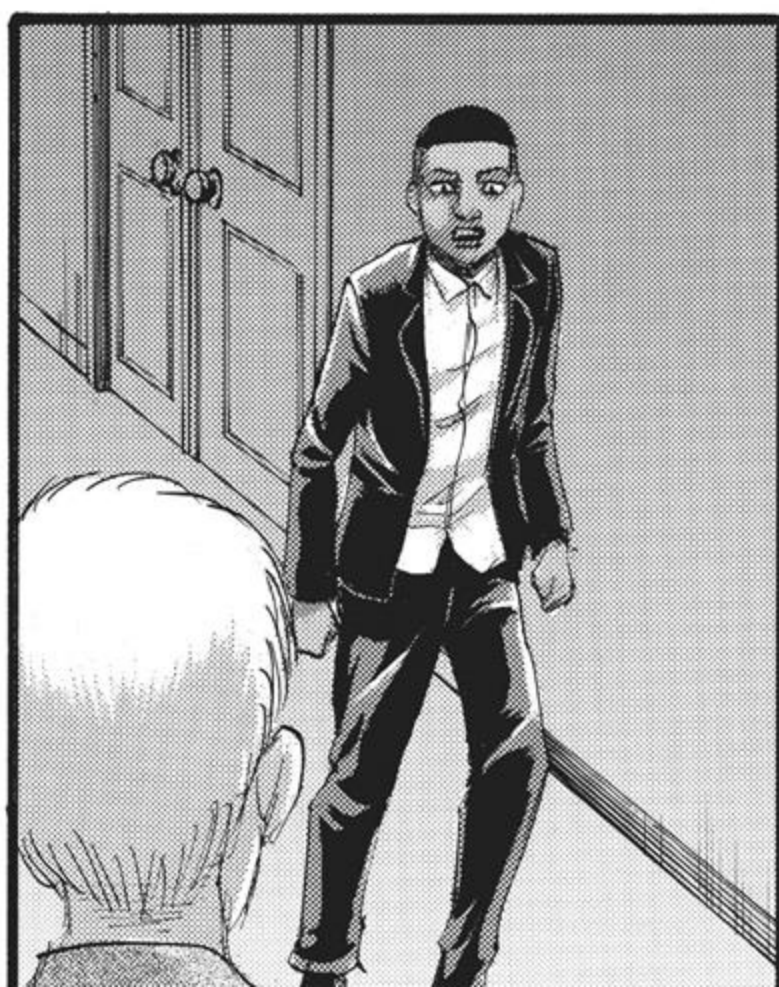
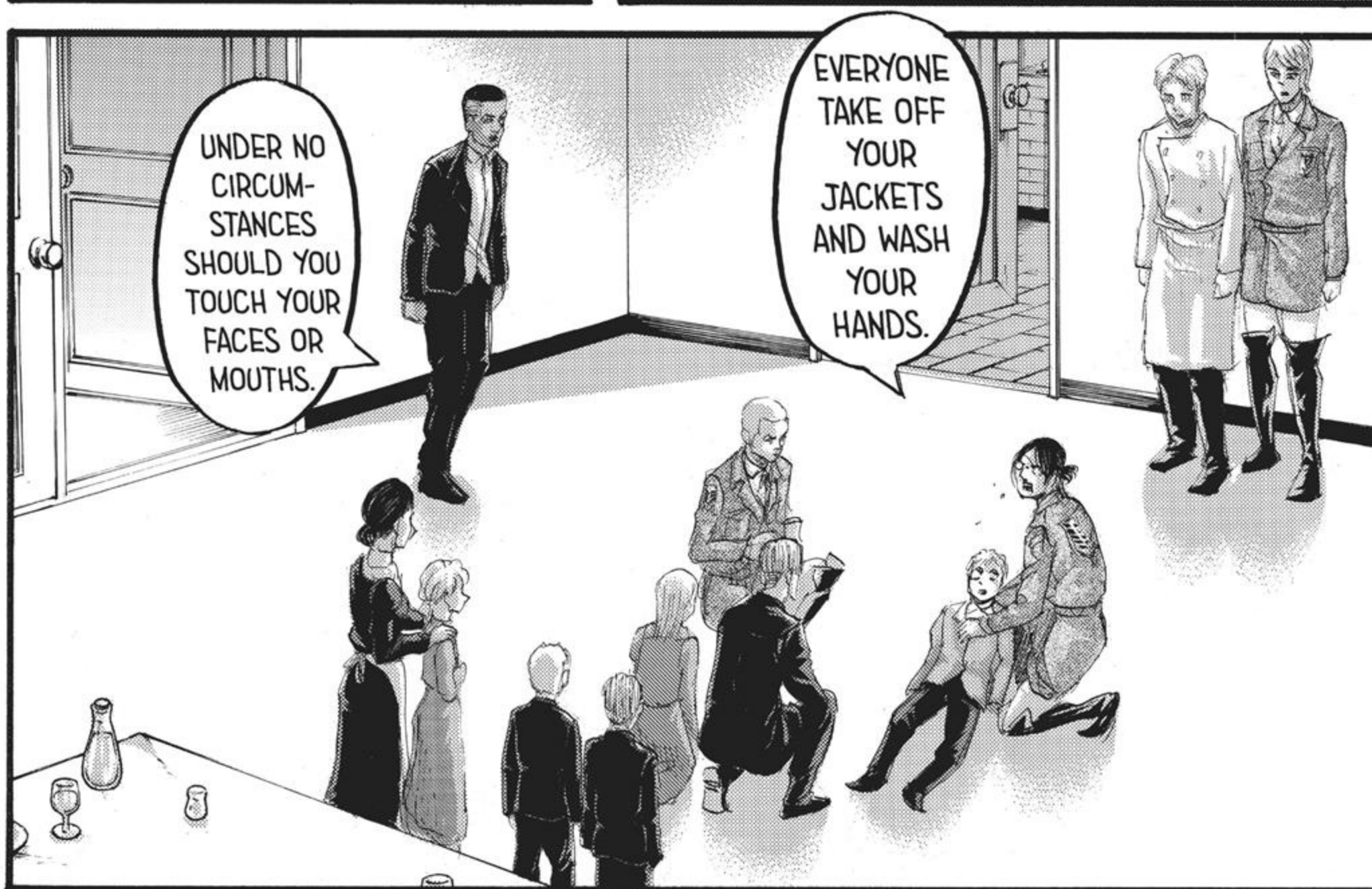
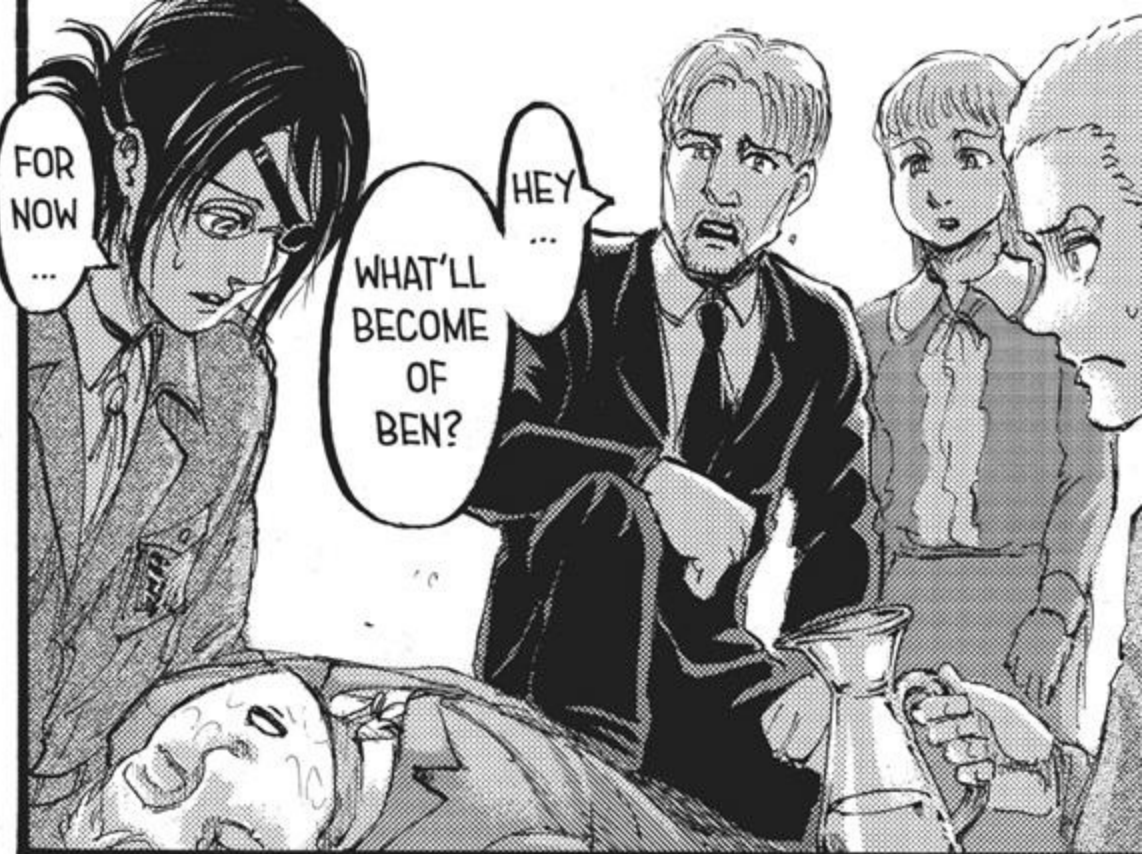


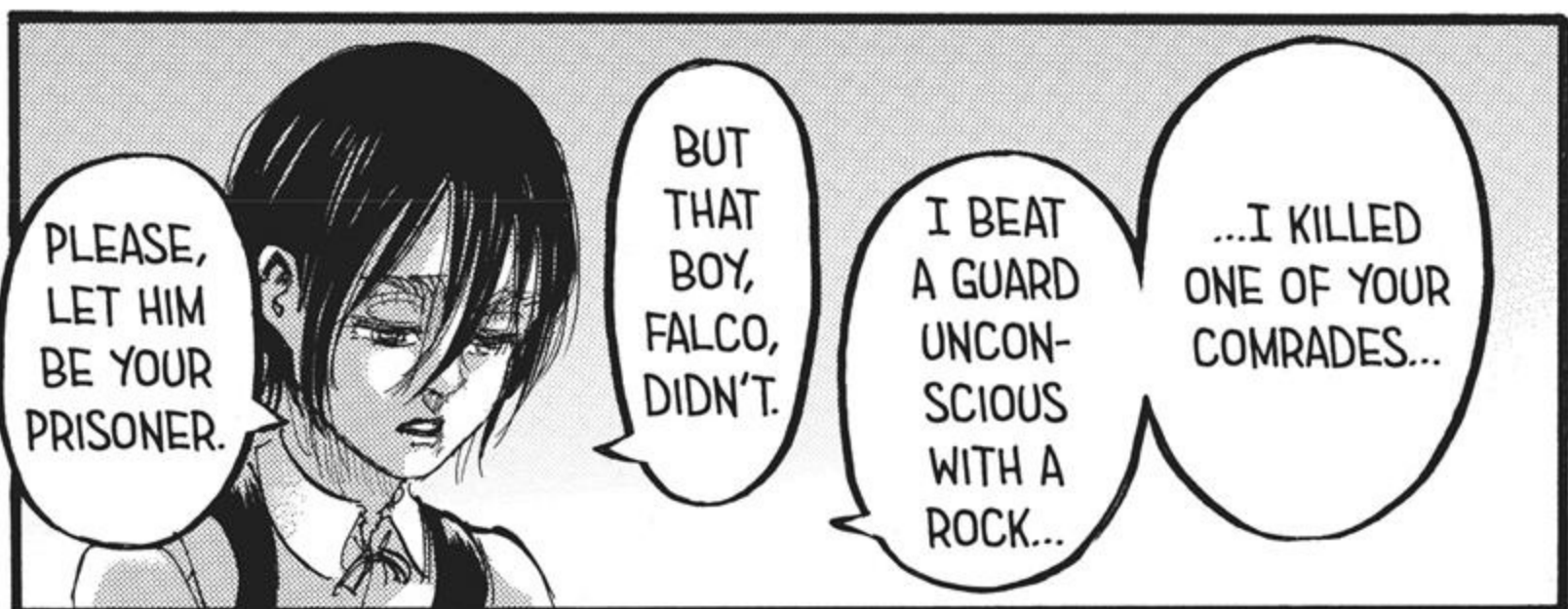
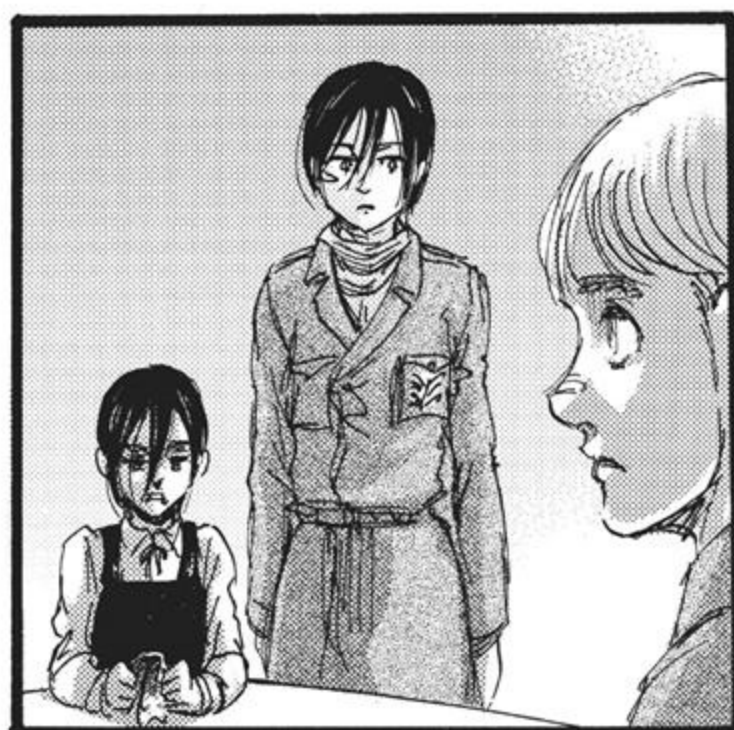
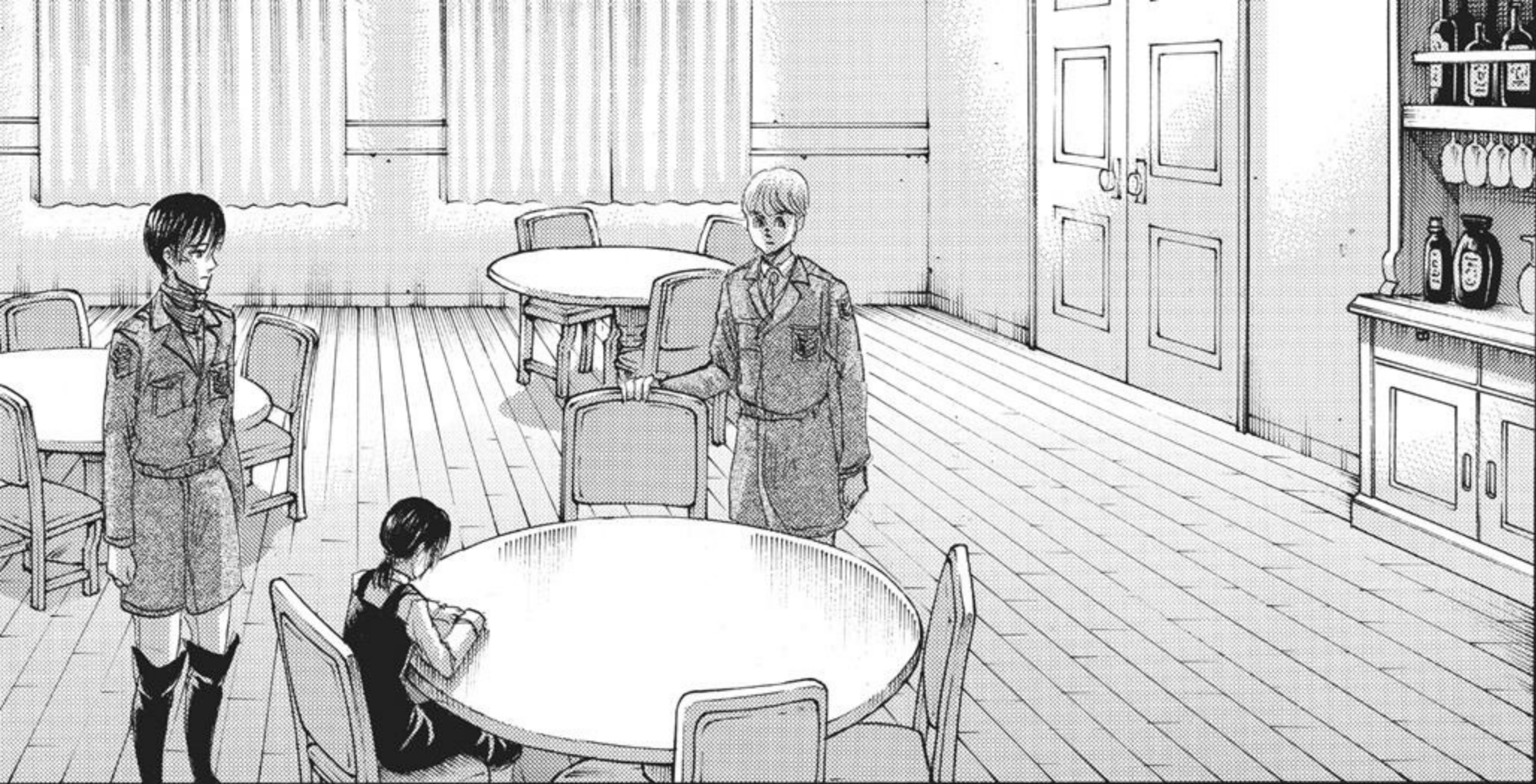
OH, NI-CO-LO ...



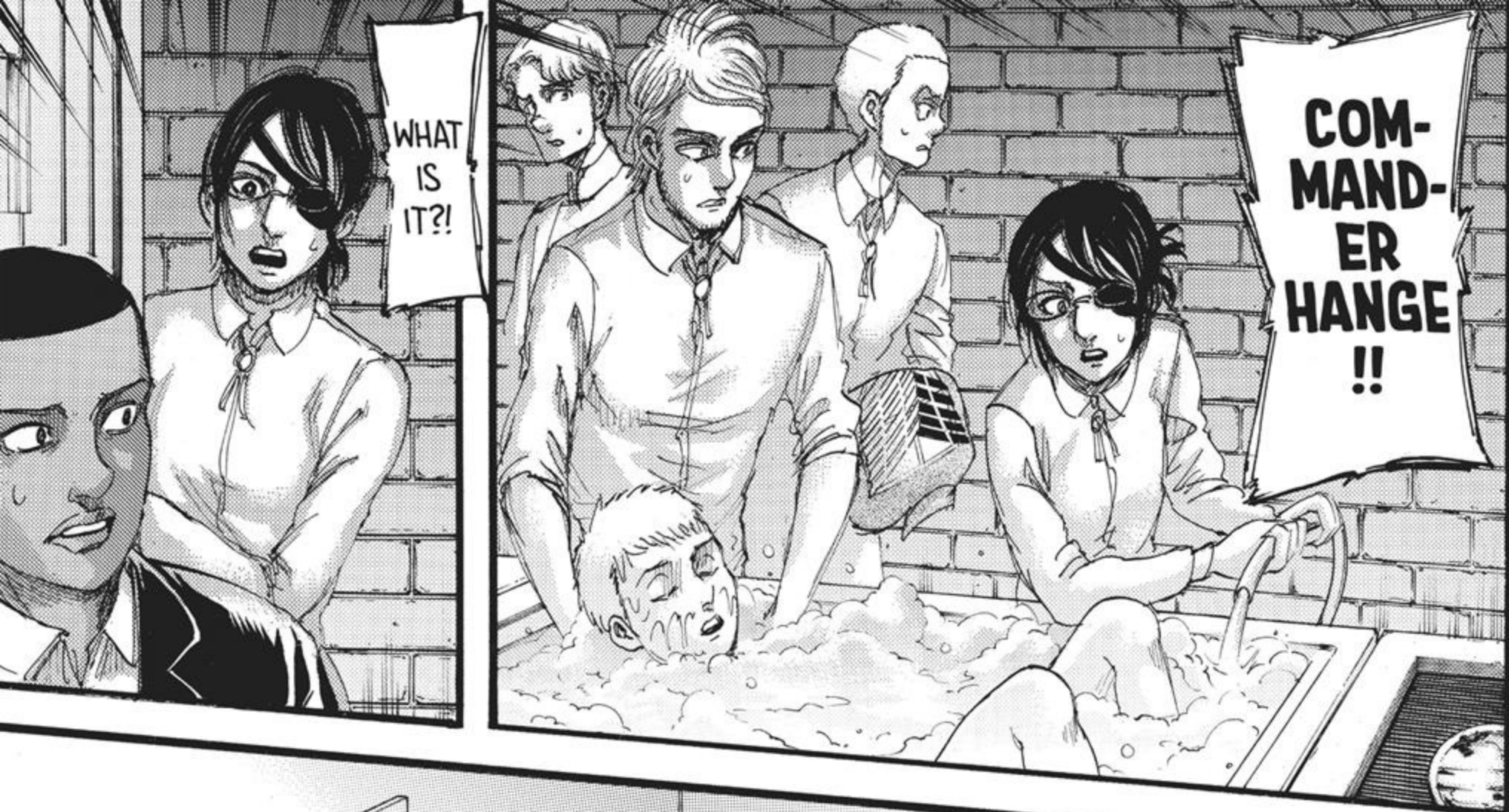
TRYING TO KILL A CHILD... WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

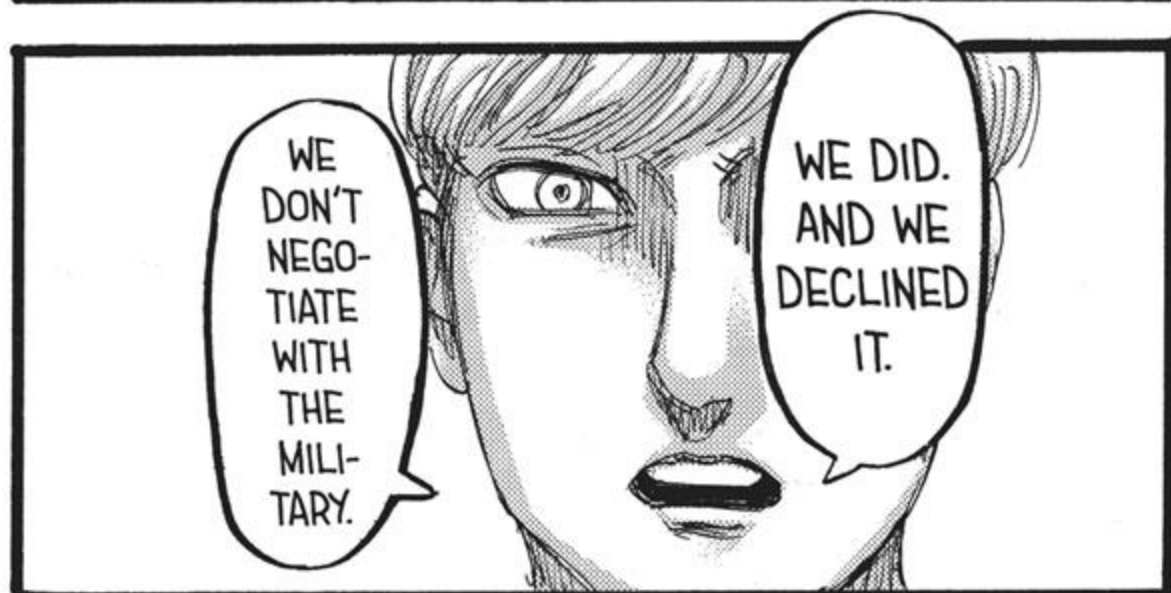
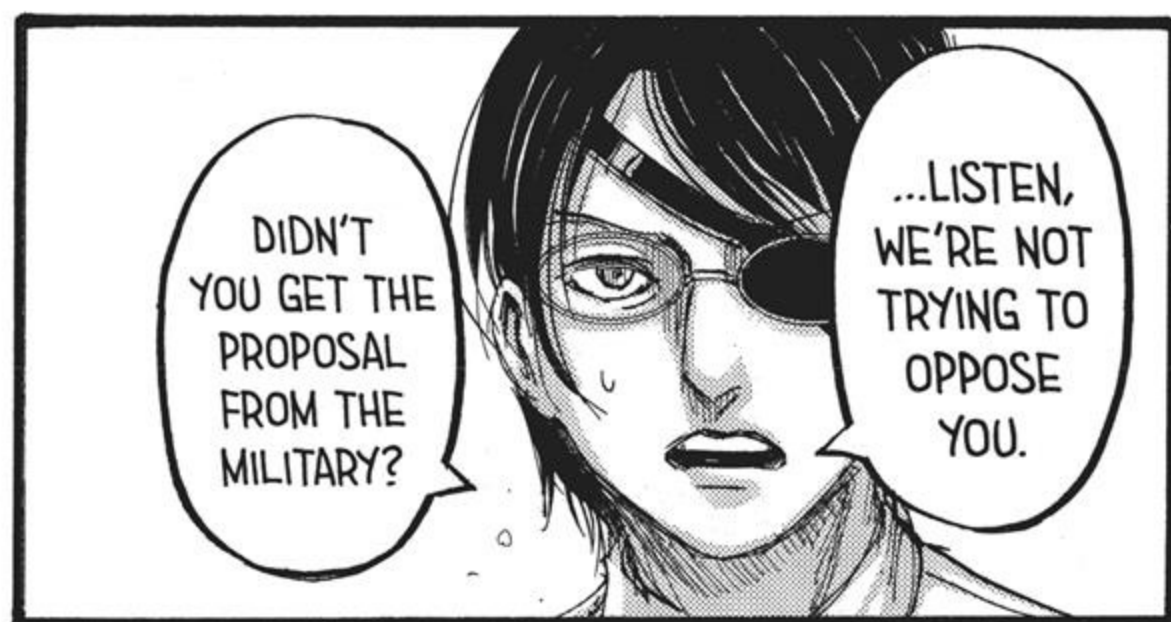
...I WANT TO ATONE IN SOME SMALL WAY...

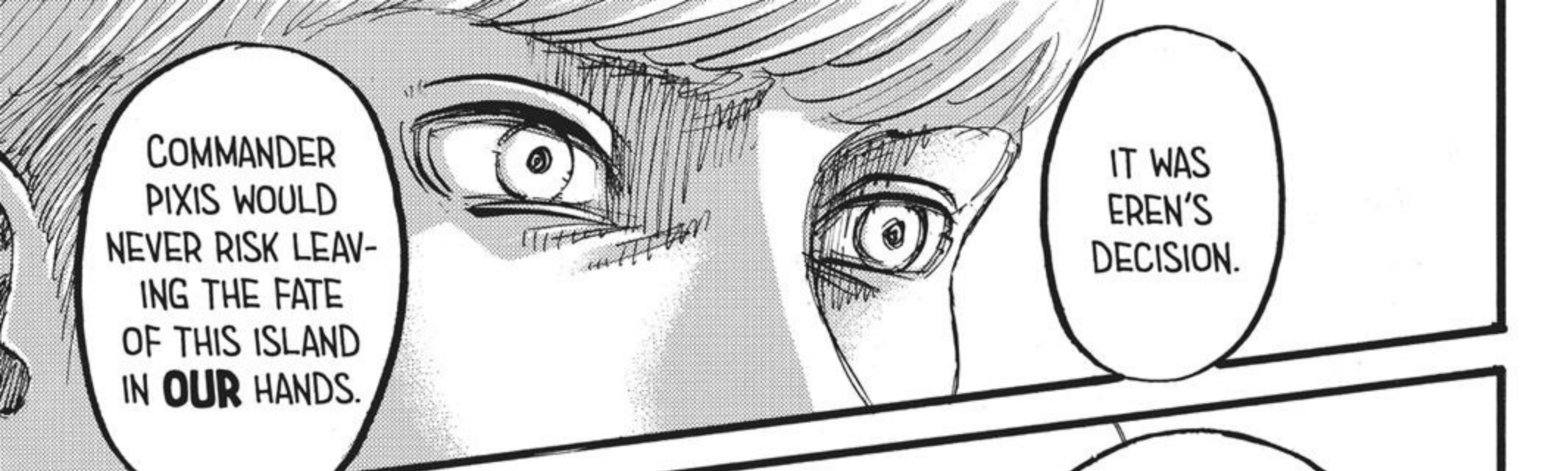












COMMANDER
PIXIS WOULD
NEVER RISK LEAV-
ING THE FATE
OF THIS ISLAND
IN **OUR** HANDS.

IT WAS
EREN'S
DECISION.



HE'S PROBABLY
SCURRYING AROUND
RIGHT NOW, TRYING
TO COME UP WITH
A WAY TO STEAL
THE FOUNDER
FROM EREN WHILE
HE LEADS US ON A
WILD GOOSE
CHASE.



OR...
IS THAT WHAT
YOUR FRIENDS
IN THE
GARRISON
TOLD YOU?

YOU'RE
DELU-
SIONAL.



I'D MUCH
RATHER
YOU CAME
WITH US
QUIETLY.

OR SHALL
I PROVE
I DON'T
ANSWER
TO YOU?

DO I
LOOK LIKE ONE
OF YOUR EAGER
RECRUITS WHO'S
GOING TO ANSWER
ANY QUESTION
YOU ASK ME?



DON'T
TELL ME
YOU
BROUGHT
THEM
HERE!

GRIEZ?!



WHA
...?!

DAMN...
HOW THE
HELL DID
THEY KNOW
WE WERE
HERE...?



DID...
YELENA
PUT
YOU
UP TO
THIS?!

I WAS
RIGHT TO
NOT TELL
YOU HOW
TO CONTACT
THEM.

I KNEW
THIS DAY
WOULD
COME.

NICOLO...
YOU'VE
GOTTEN TOO
CLOSE
TO THE
ELDIANS.



THIS IS NO
TIME FOR
US TO BE
FIGHTING ONE
ANOTHER!!

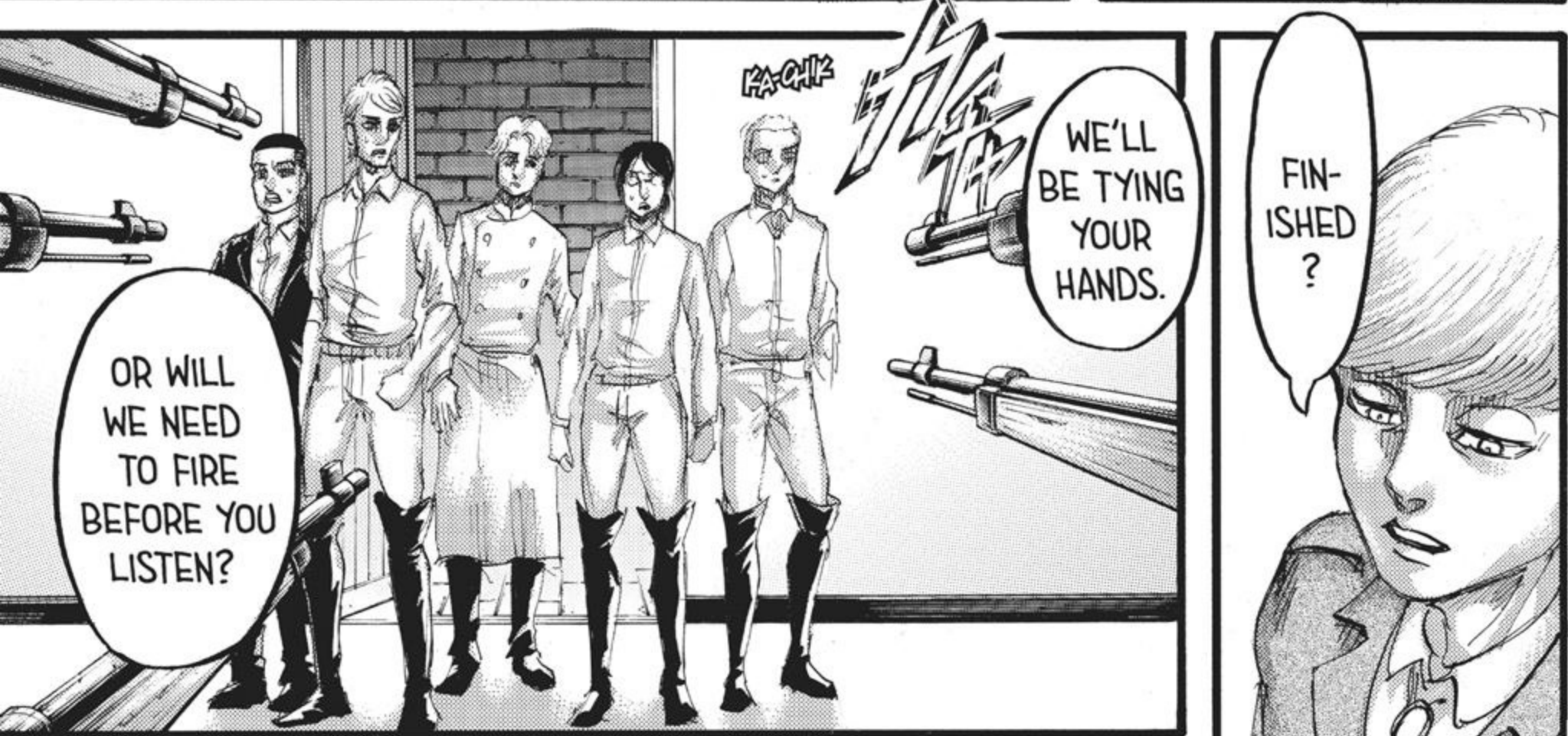
LISTEN
TO ME,
FLOCH!!

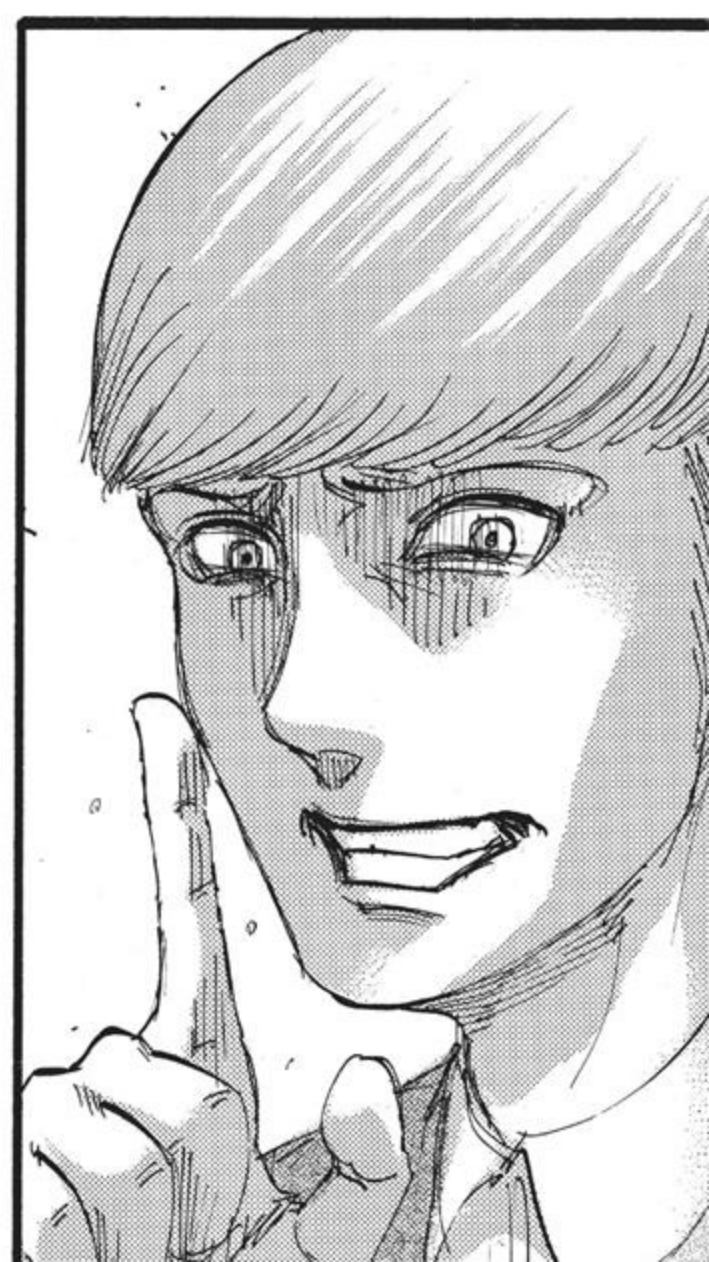


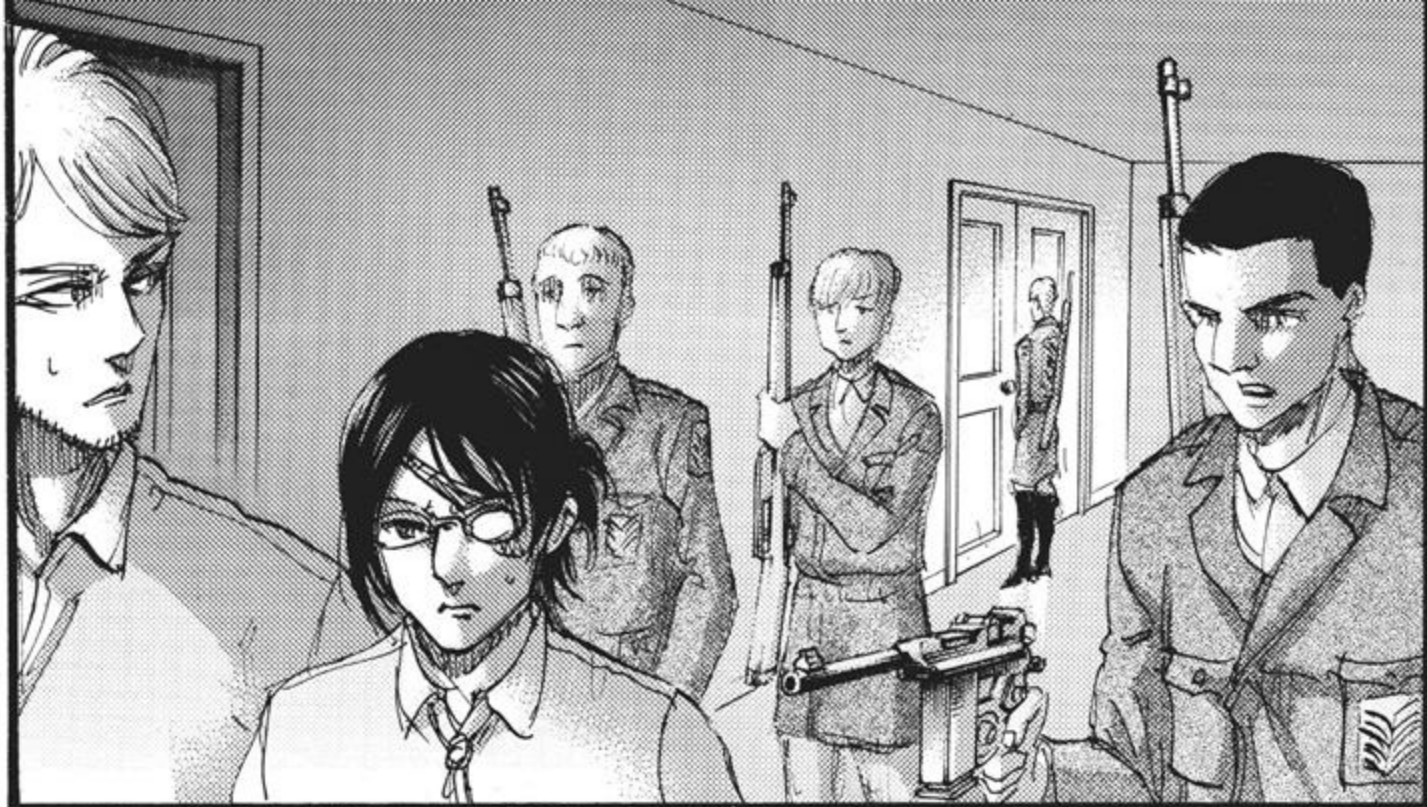
GRIEZ
OVER THERE
SHOULD HAVE
AN IDEA OF
WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE!

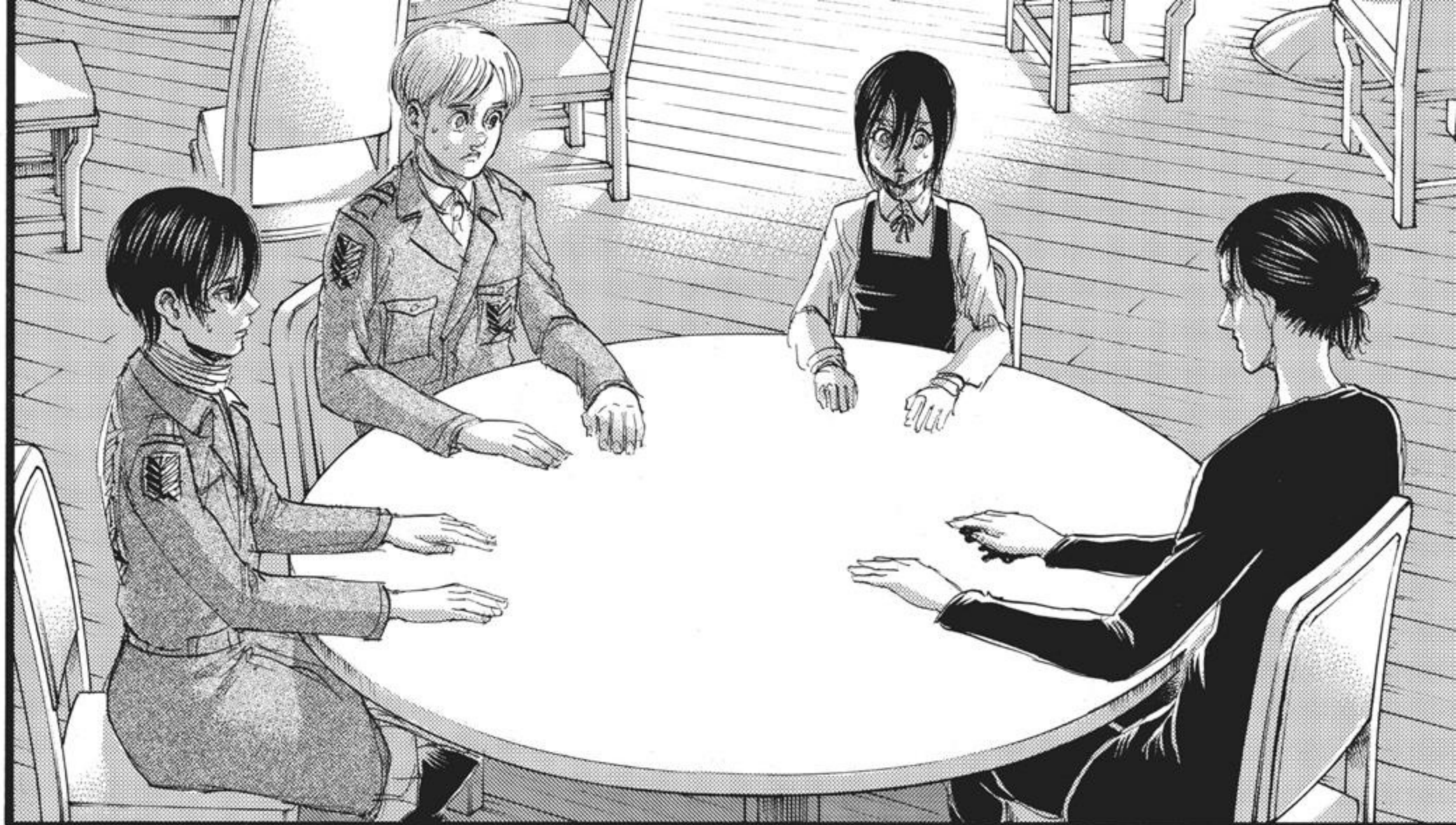
ZEKE
HAS US
DANCING
IN THE
PALM
OF HIS
HAND!

WINE
CONTAMINATED
WITH ZEKE'S
SPINAL FLUID
HAS BEEN
SERVED
THROUGHOUT
THE MILITARY!!









CONFLICT IS
NOT NECES-
SARY TO
SOLVE ELDIA'S
PROBLEMS.

JUST A
QUIET
CHAT...

I
WANTED
TO
SPEAK
WITH
YOU.

WE JUST
WANTED TO
KNOW WHAT
YOU WERE
THINKING,
EREN...

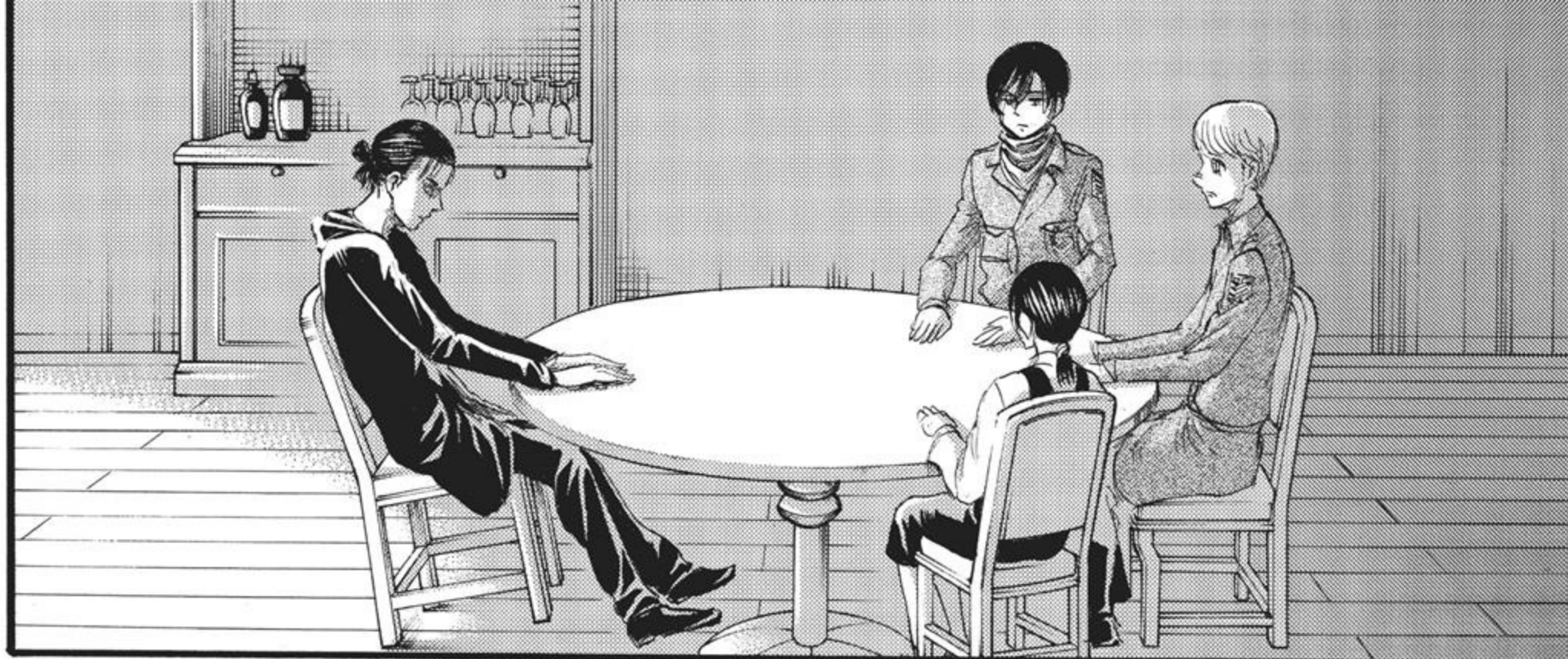
WE'RE
THE
ONES
WHO
WANTED
TO TALK
TO YOU.

...

HANGE
AND THE
OTHERS
WILL BE
FINE. WE'RE
JUST RE-
LOCATING
THEM.

WHY
DID YOU
DECIDE
TO ATTACK
MARLEY
ON YOUR
OWN...?

HAVE...
ZEKE AND
YELENA
REALLY
WON YOU
OVER TO
THEIR
SIDE...?



EVEN AFTER THAT, THIS HAS ALL BEEN WHAT YOU WANTED?

YOU MET WITH YELENA IN SECRET THE NIGHT THE RAILWAY OPENED, RIGHT?

...

YOU'RE BEING CONTROLLED.

NO.

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU'VE ALWAYS CARED AND THOUGHT ABOUT US MORE THAN ANYONE...

THE REAL EREN WOULD NEVER INVOLVE CIVILIANS AND CHILDREN, EVEN IF THEY LIVED IN AN ENEMY STATE.

...BECAUSE YOU'RE A KIND PERSON... RIGHT?!

...AND WRAPPED THIS SCARF AROUND ME...

THUNK

YOU SAVED ME FROM THOSE KIDNAPPERS...

AREN'T I RIGHT?



I
SAID
KEEP
YOUR
HANDS
ON THE
TABLE.

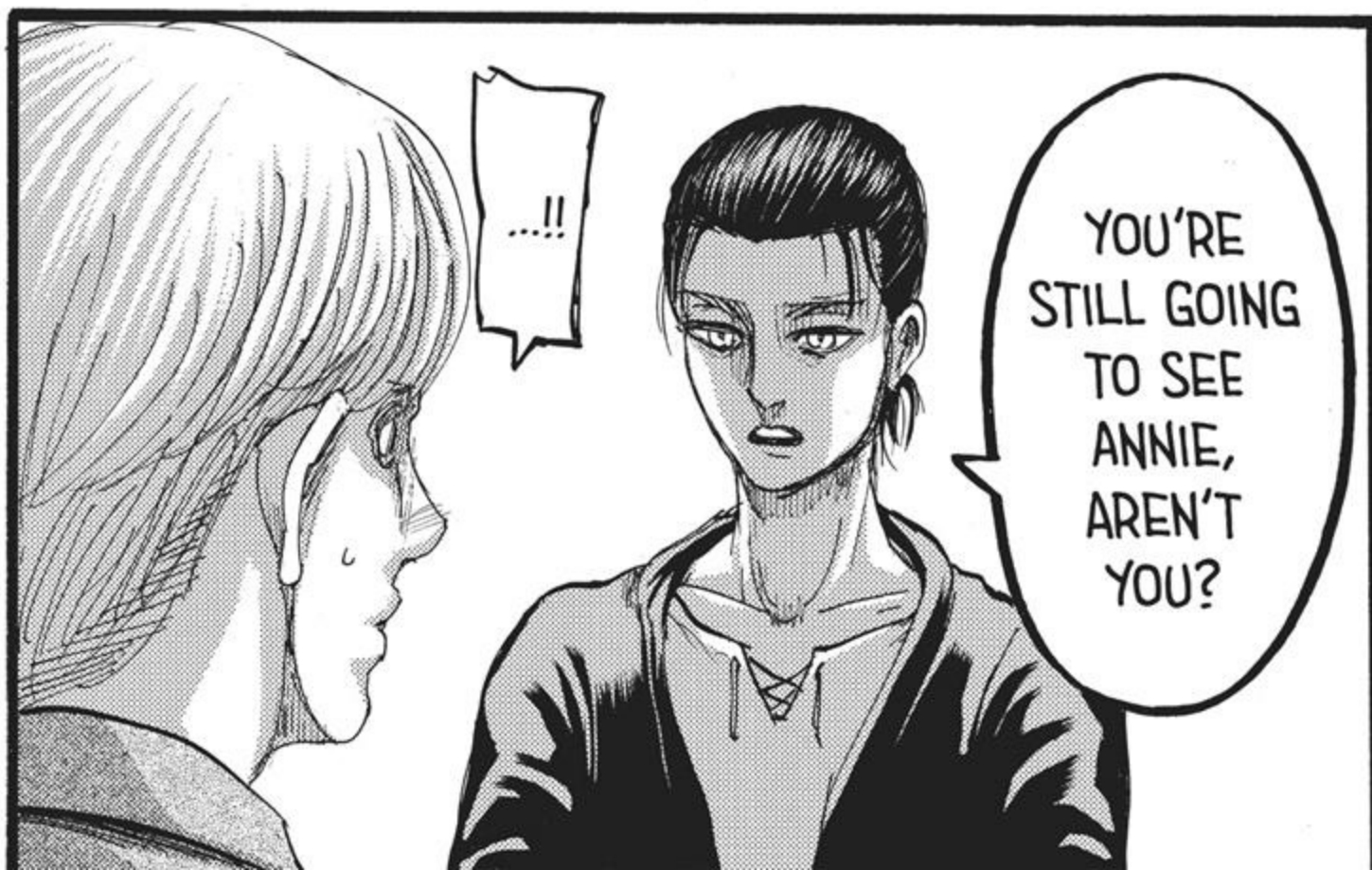


ZEKE
KNOWS
MORE THAN
MARLEY
DOES.

I
LEARNED
A LOT
THEN.

BROTHER
TO
BROTHER
...

I HID
MYSELF
IN LIBERIO
AND SPOKE
WITH ZEKE.



...!!

YOU'RE
STILL GOING
TO SEE
ANNIE,
AREN'T
YOU?



ARMIN.



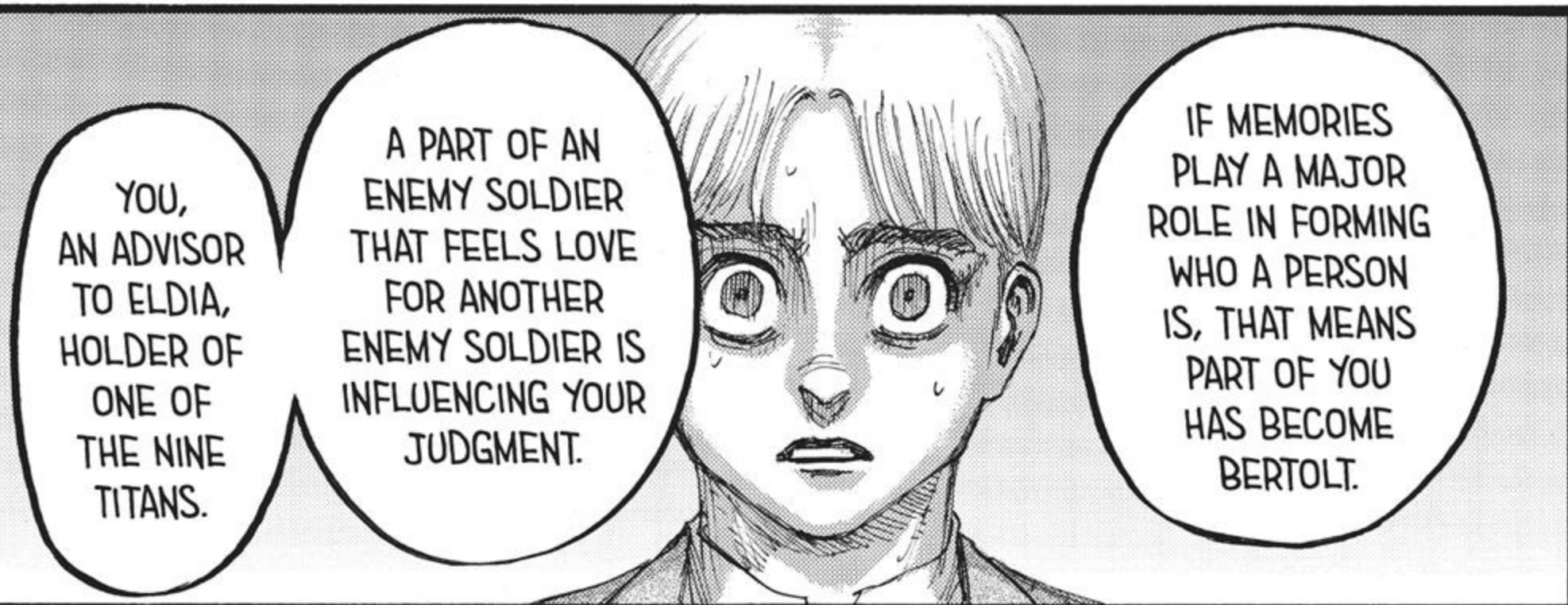
WHAT
DO
YOU...

...!!
WH-



OR IS THAT
BERTOLT
?

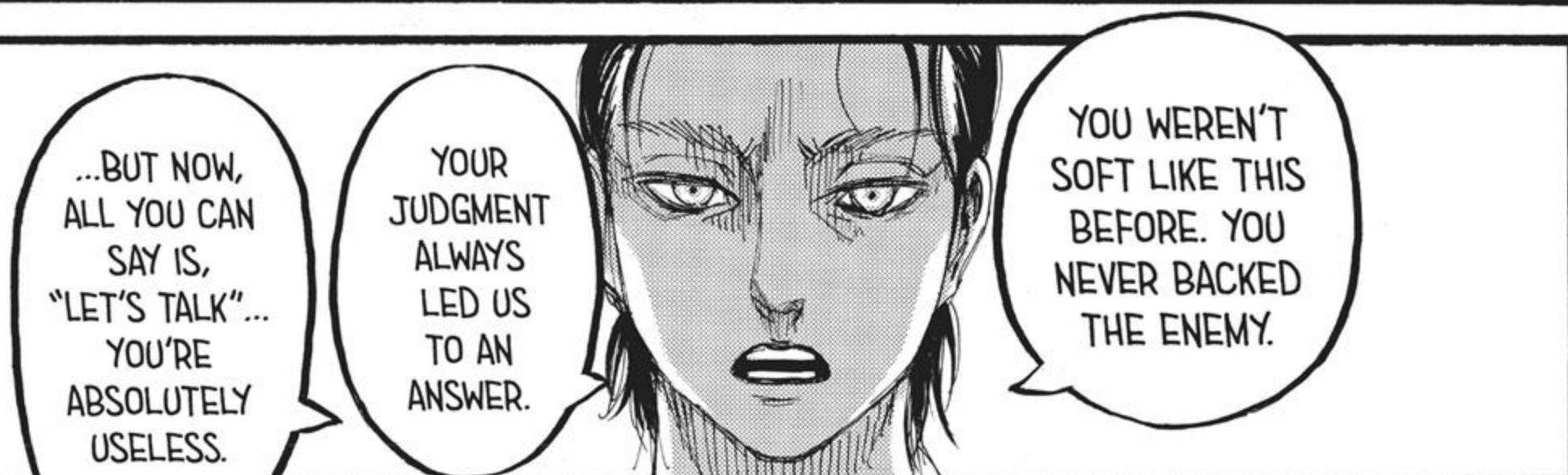
DO YOU
CHOOSE
TO DO
THAT?



YOU,
AN ADVISOR
TO ELDIA,
HOLDER OF
ONE OF
THE NINE
TITANS.

A PART OF AN
ENEMY SOLDIER
THAT FEELS LOVE
FOR ANOTHER
ENEMY SOLDIER IS
INFLUENCING YOUR
JUDGMENT.

IF MEMORIES
PLAY A MAJOR
ROLE IN FORMING
WHO A PERSON
IS, THAT MEANS
PART OF YOU
HAS BECOME
BERTOLT.



...BUT NOW,
ALL YOU CAN
SAY IS,
"LET'S TALK"...
YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
USELESS.

YOUR
JUDGMENT
ALWAYS
LED US
TO AN
ANSWER.

YOU WEREN'T
SOFT LIKE THIS
BEFORE. YOU
NEVER BACKED
THE ENEMY.



**YOU'RE
THE ONE
BEING
CONTROLLED
BY THE
ENEMY.**

**BERTOLT'S
GOTTEN
INTO YOUR
BRAIN.**

**A
R
M
I
N
...**



I'M SAYING
THAT THERE'S
NOTHING FURTHER
REMOVED FROM
FREEDOM THAN
IGNORANCE.



WHAT'RE
YOU
TRYING
TO DO?



EREN!



...
?!

THE
REASON...
YOU'RE
STRONG,
MIKASA.

I
LEARNED
ABOUT THE
ACKERMANS
THERE,
TOO.

...A BLOODLINE
THAT COULD
PARTLY MANIFEST
THE STRENGTH
OF A TITAN WHILE
IN HUMAN FORM.
THE ACKERMAN
CLAN.

...BUT THEY DID
DISCOVER THERE
WAS AN ACCIDEN-
TAL BYPRODUCT
OF ELDIA'S
EXPERIMENTS WITH
THE SUBJECTS OF
YMIER OVER THE
CENTURIES...



FOR ALL
THEIR EFFORTS,
MARLEY'S SCHOLARS
BARELY KNOW A
THING ABOUT THE
TITANS...



HUH
?

TRACES OF THAT
INSTINCT STILL
REMAIN. SO WHEN
ACKERMANS SENSE
THE PRESENCE OF A
CERTAIN HOST, TRAITS
THAT ARE INHERENT
IN THEIR BLOOD
WILL ACTIVATE.



THE
ACKERMAN
CLAN WAS
DESIGNED
TO PROTECT
ELDIA'S
KING.



IN
OTHER
WORDS,
YOU ONLY
CLING TO
ME...

...BECAUSE
OF YOUR
INSTINCTS
AS AN
ACKERMAN.



ALL OF THE
CONDITIONS WERE
MET TO AWAKEN
THE INSTINCTS
HIDDEN IN YOUR
ACKERMAN
BLOOD.

TO
FIGHT.

IN THAT
MOMENT, WHEN
YOU WERE
FACING DEATH,
YOU OBEYED
MY ORDER.



ALL
BECAUSE
YOUR BLOOD
MISTAKENLY
THOUGHT I
WAS THE HOST
YOU HAD TO
PROTECT.

...YOU
GAINED THE
BATTLE
EXPERIENCES
OF ALL PAST
ACKERMANS—
BY WAY OF
A PATH.

NOT
ONLY
DID THIS
HEIGHTEN
YOUR
PHYSICAL
ABILITIES
TO AN
EXTREME
...

...A
MISTAKE.

IT
WAS
NOT
...

WHY
NOT
?

IT
CAN'T
?

...
THAT
CAN'T
BE.

IT
WAS ALL
BECAUSE
OF YOU...

...I
WAS
ABLE
TO
BECOME
STRONG.

BECAUSE
OF YOU,
EREN...

IT'S
BECAUSE
IT WAS
YOU...

SOUND
FAMILIAR?

THEY SAY
THIS HAPPENS
OUT OF THE TRUE
SELF TRYING TO
RESIST BEING
FORCED TO PROTECT
THE HOST...

ONCE AN ACKER-
MAN AWAKENS,
THEY OFTEN
SUFFER FROM
SUDDEN HEAD-
ACHES.

ACCORD-
ING TO THE
RESEARCH...



...NO.

LEAVING
ONLY YOU
BEHIND, EVER
FAITHFUL
TO YOUR
ACKERMAN
INSTINCTS.

...
DISAPPEARED
IN THAT
MOUNTAIN
CABIN, AT NINE
YEARS OLD.

...WHAT
I'M
SAYING
IS THAT
THE
REAL
MIKASA...



I...

...
NO.

IN
OTHER
WORDS,
SLAVES.

...AT THE
COST OF
LOSING THEIR
TRUE SELVES.

A CLAN
CREATED
TO FOLLOW
ORDERS...

STOP IT,
EREN!!



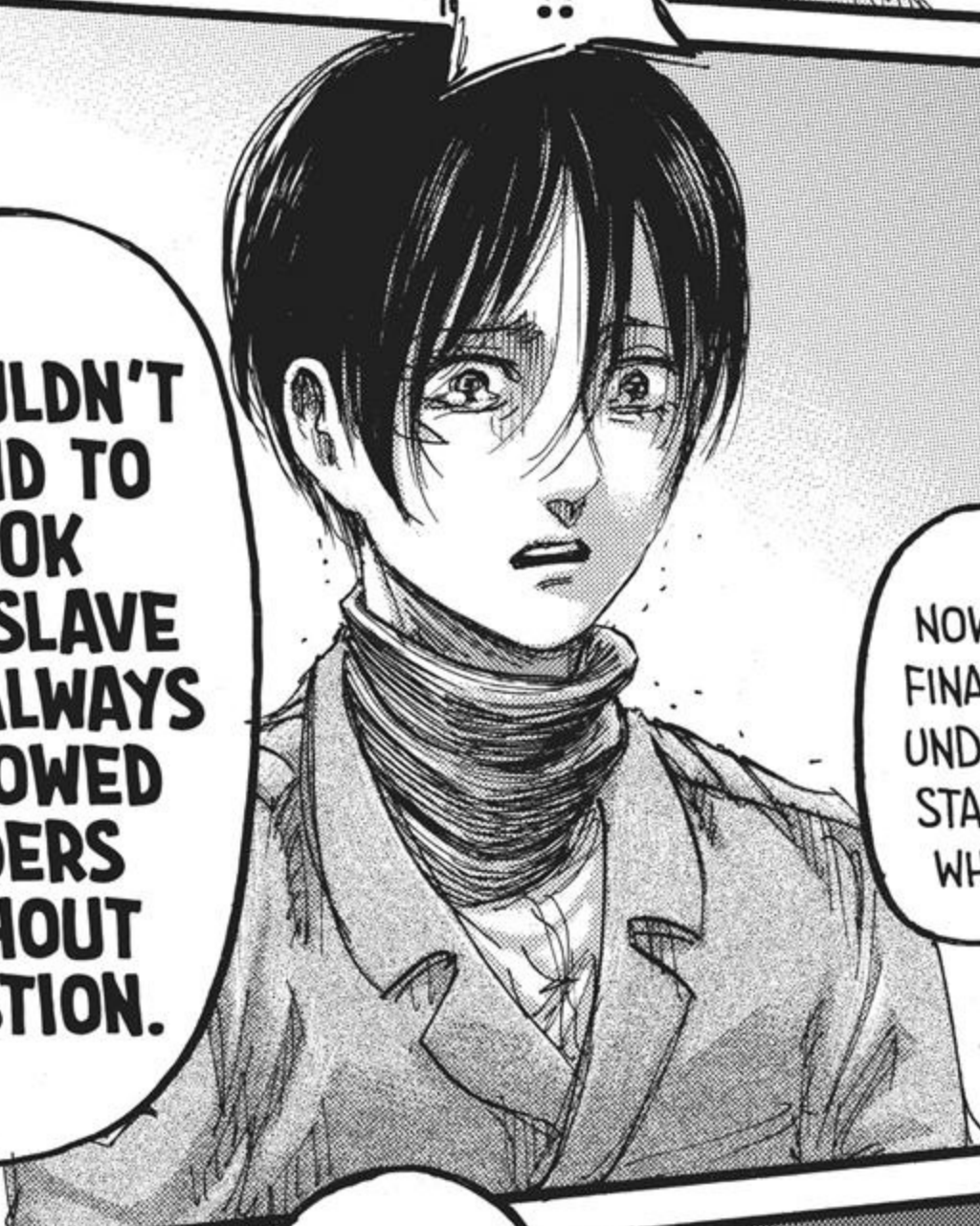


THEY'RE
NO BETTER
THAN LIVE-
STOCK.

ANYONE
WHO ISN'T
FREE.

DO YOU
KNOW WHAT
I HATE MOST
IN THIS
WORLD?

**E
R
E
N
!!**



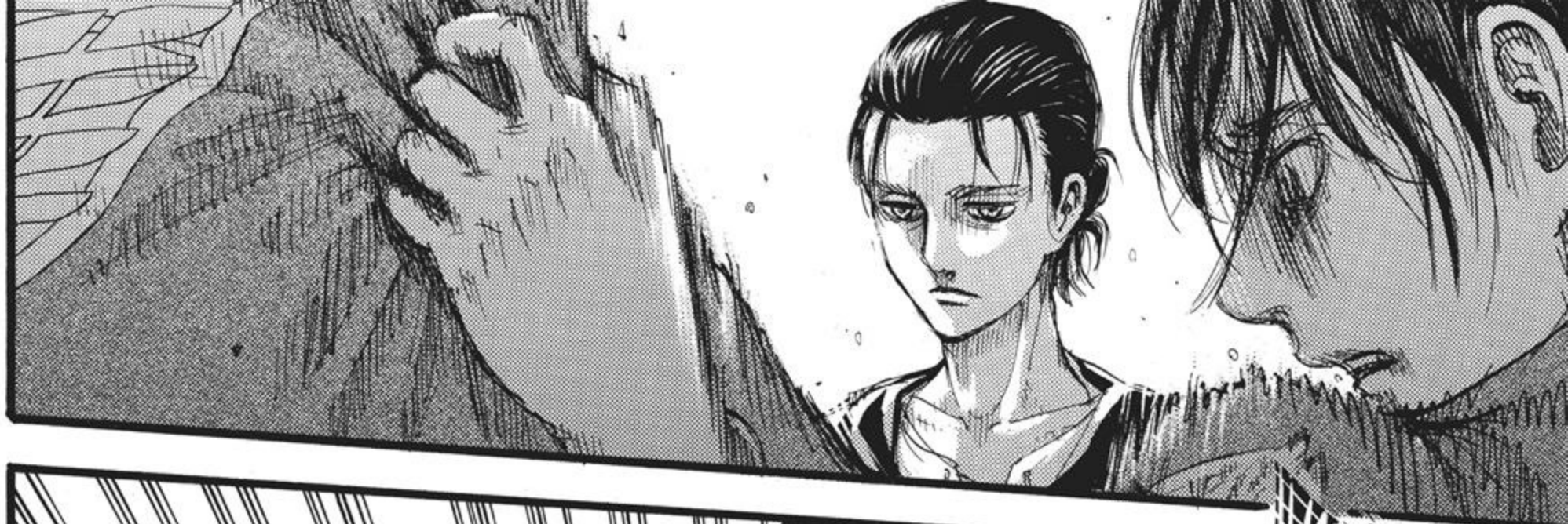
**I COULDN'T
STAND TO
LOOK
AT A SLAVE
WHO ALWAYS
FOLLOWED
ORDERS
WITHOUT
QUESTION.**

NOW I
FINALLY
UNDER-
STAND
WHY.

JUST
LOOKING
AT HER
MADE
ME SO
ANGRY.

EVER
SINCE...
I WAS A
KID...







IT'S
ALL YOU
ARE.

NO
...

N
...



SEE? ALL
YOU'VE EVER
DONE IN
YOUR LIFE WAS
DICTATED BY
YOUR
ACKERMAN
BLOOD.



A
A
R
G
H!







BECAUSE
IT COULD
NEVER
BE A FAIR
FIGHT!



JUST...
STOP.



YES,
SIR.

TAKE
THEM
AWAY.



SO
JUST
COME
WITH
US.

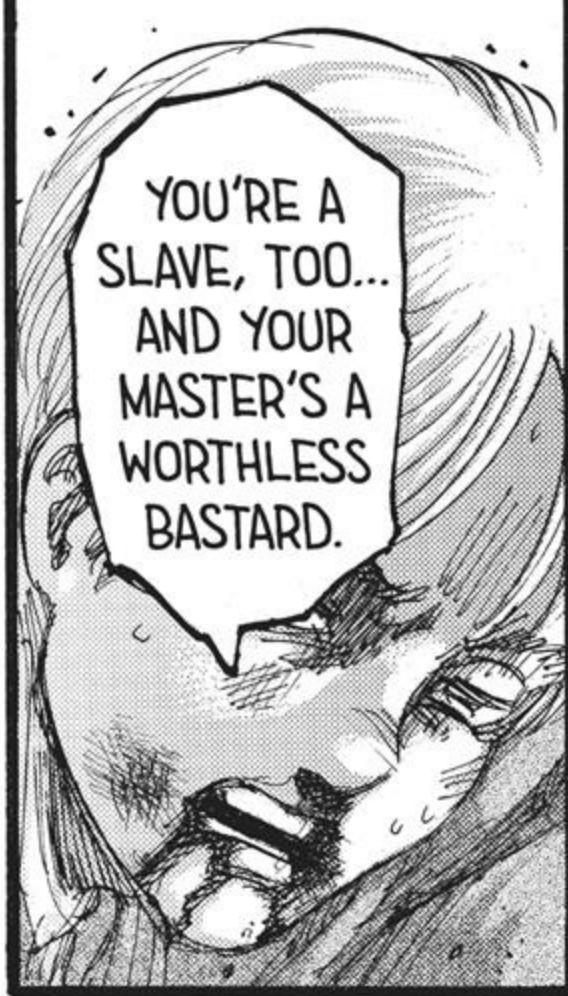


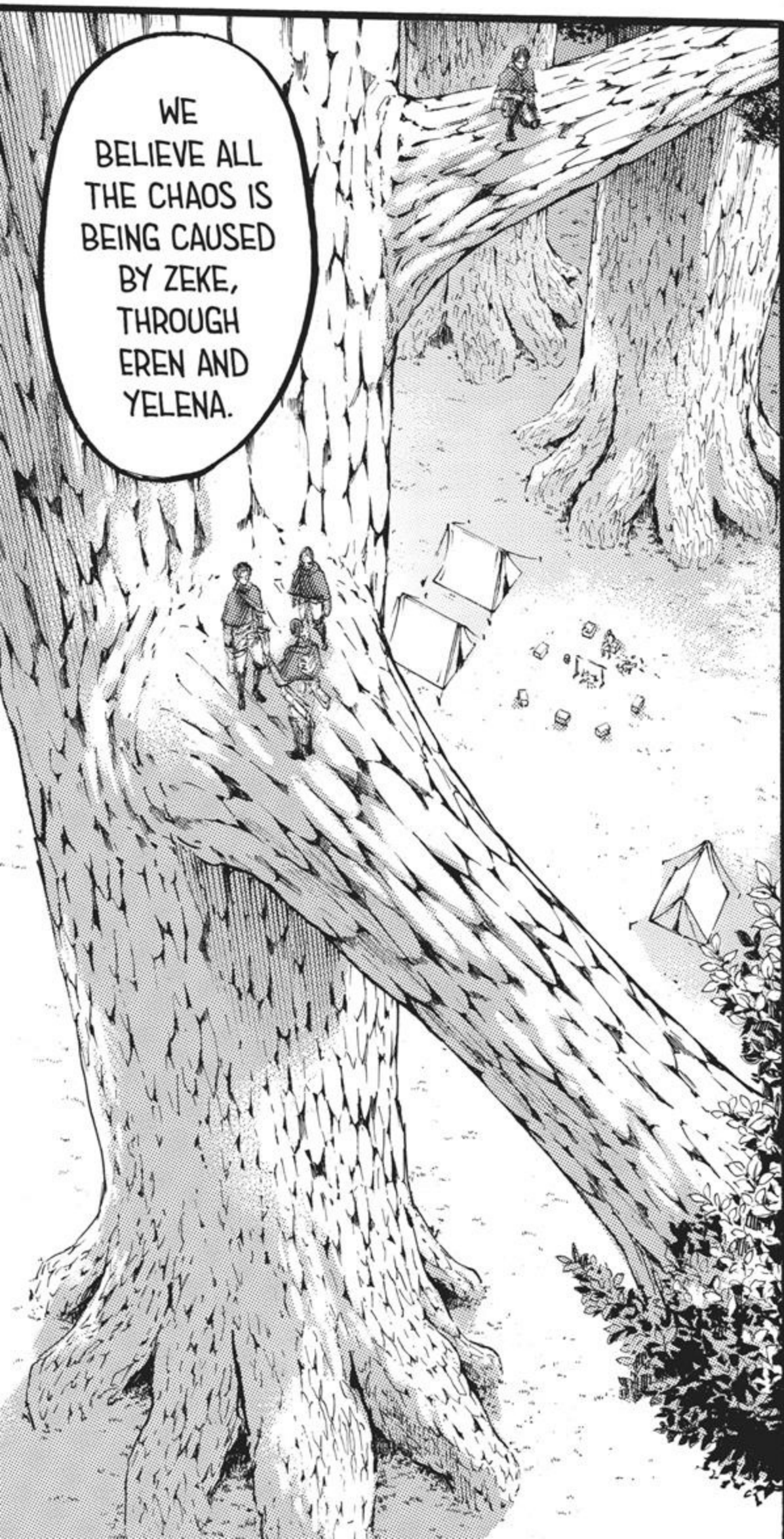
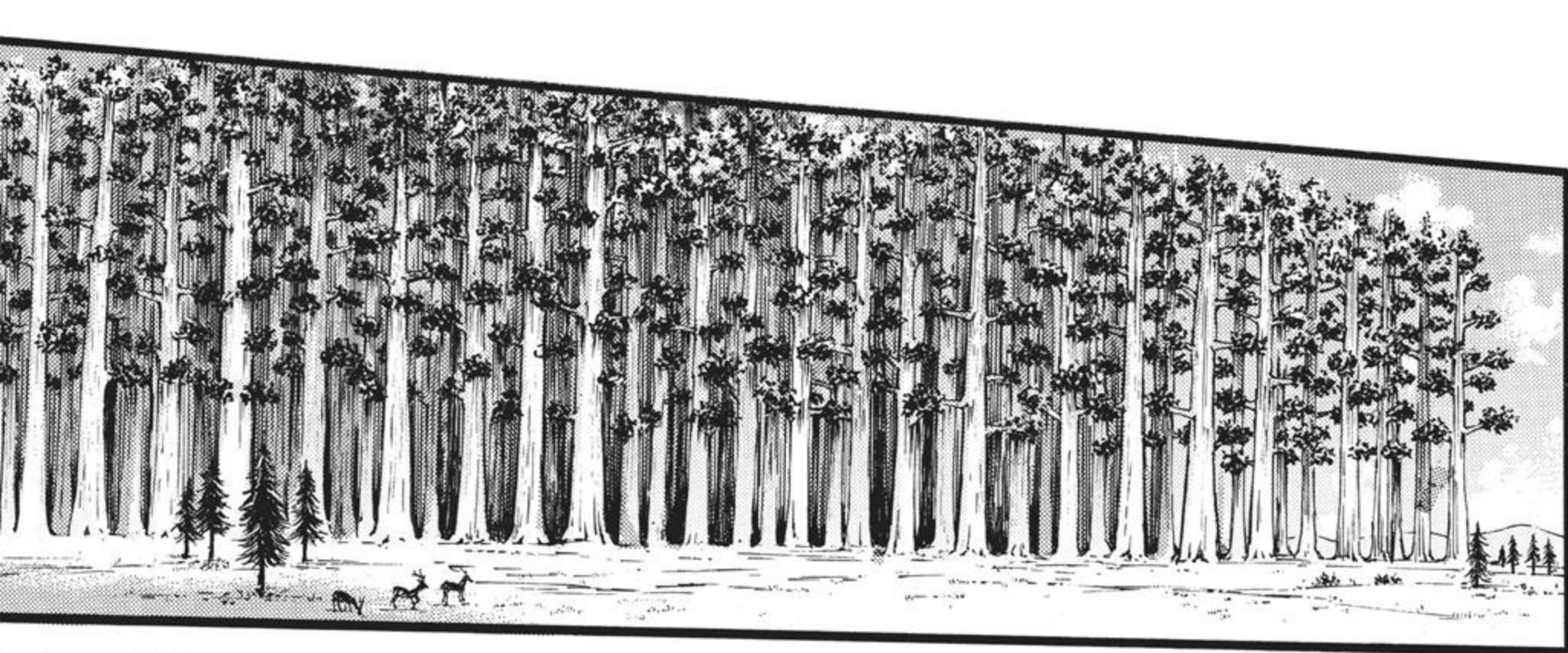
THE
BRAT WHO
KILLED
SASHA,
TOO.



...
THERE'D
BE NO
NEED FOR
US TO
FIGHT.

LIKE
I SAID
AT THE
START. IF
YOU TOLD
ME WHERE
ZEKE IS...





WE
BELIEVE ALL
THE CHAOS IS
BEING CAUSED
BY ZEKE,
THROUGH
EREN AND
YELENA.



...ZACKLY
WAS KILLED?

YES...THE
YEAGERISTS
EFFECTIVELY
CONTROL
EVERYTHING
INSIDE THE
WALLS.



HE'LL
JUST
ROLL
OVER?

WHAT
ABOUT
PIXIS?



THE
YEAGERISTS
WILL PROBABLY
BE BROUGHT TO
ZEKE, JUST AS
THEY'VE BEEN
DEMANDING.

AND
?



...THIS IS
THE ONLY WAY
TO DEFEND
ELDIA AGAINST
RULE BY THE
YEAGERISTS
AND ZEKE.

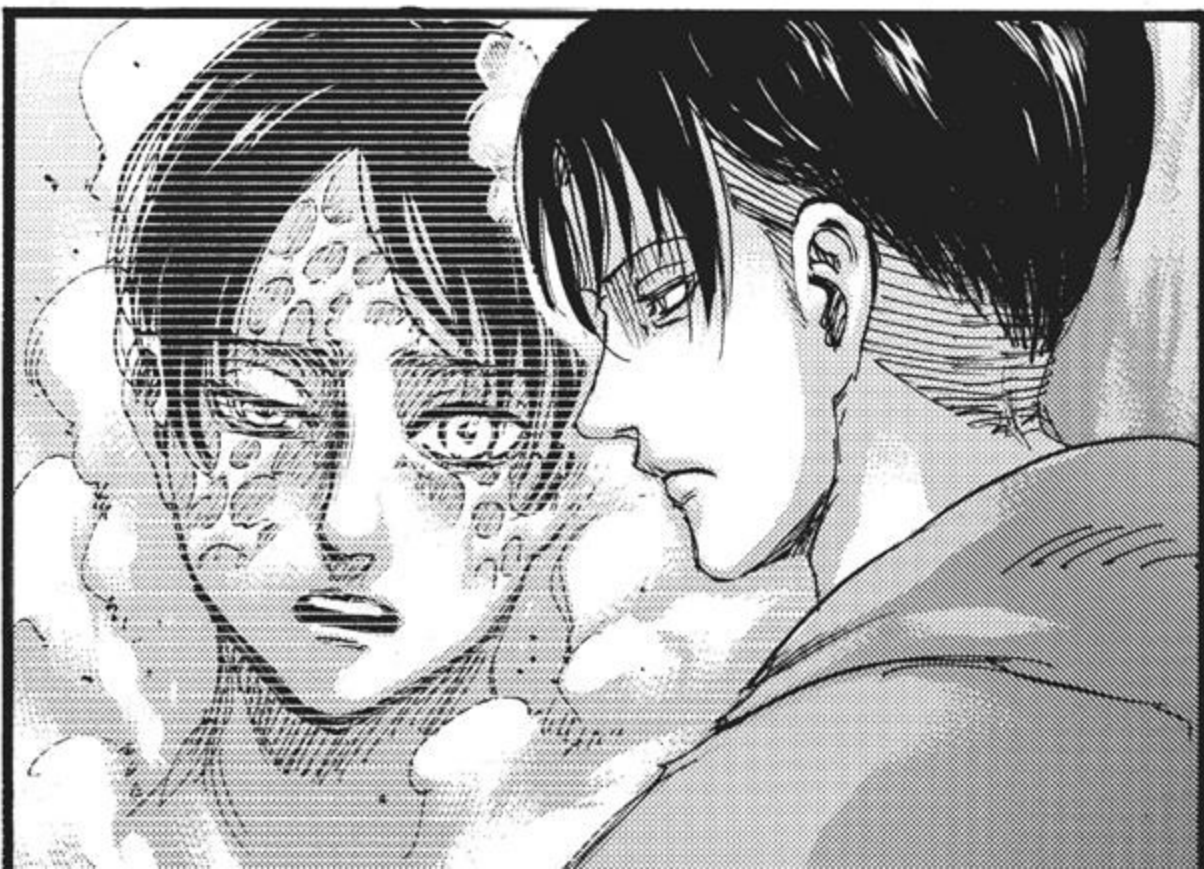
IT'S
UNFORTUNATE
BUT...

HE'S
WORKING ON A
PLAN TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE
WHILE EREN
IS BEING LED
HERE.

AS YOU
SAY, THE
COM-
MANDER
REMAINS
STEAD-
FAST.

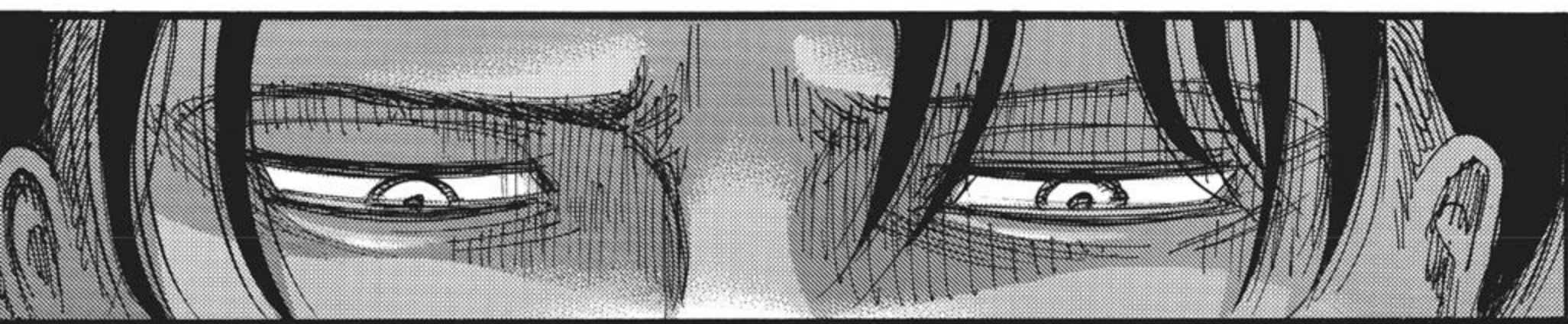


...
YES.



BY
OUR
HANDS.

...YOU
MEAN
HAVE
SOMEONE
ELSE EAT
EREN,
RIGHT?



...WHAT
WAS IT,
REALLY?

THAT
HOPE WE
ALL LOOKED
TOWARD...

IT'S ALMOST
LIKE...ONE
BIG, AWFUL
JOKE.

AND THIS...
THIS IS
WHERE THAT
BELIEF HAS
GOTTEN ME.

GIVE
ME A
BREAK.

WELL, I'M
NOT LAUGHING.

WAITING FOR
US AFTER ALL
THAT DEATH...
WAS THIS
FARCE?

HUH
...?

...

IF THERE'S
ANYONE WE
SHOULD
FEED TO A
TITAN...

DON'T
MAKE ME
LAUGH.

...IT'S
THAT
PIECE
OF
SHIT.



GRAB ONE OF THOSE YEAGERISTS OR SOMETHING, TURN THEM INTO A TITAN, AND FEED ZEKE TO THEM.

WE'LL TRANSFER ZEKE'S BEAST.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



WE JUST NEED TO WAIT A FEW MONTHS FOR HER TO GIVE BIRTH.



THEN, IF HISTORIA'S PREPARED LIKE SHE SAYS SHE IS, WE'LL FEED THE TITAN TO HER NEXT.



I KNOW IT'S RECKLESS, BUT WE HAVE TO ACT.

WE CAN STRIKE AT MARLEY AGAIN AND DELAY THEIR ATTACK.



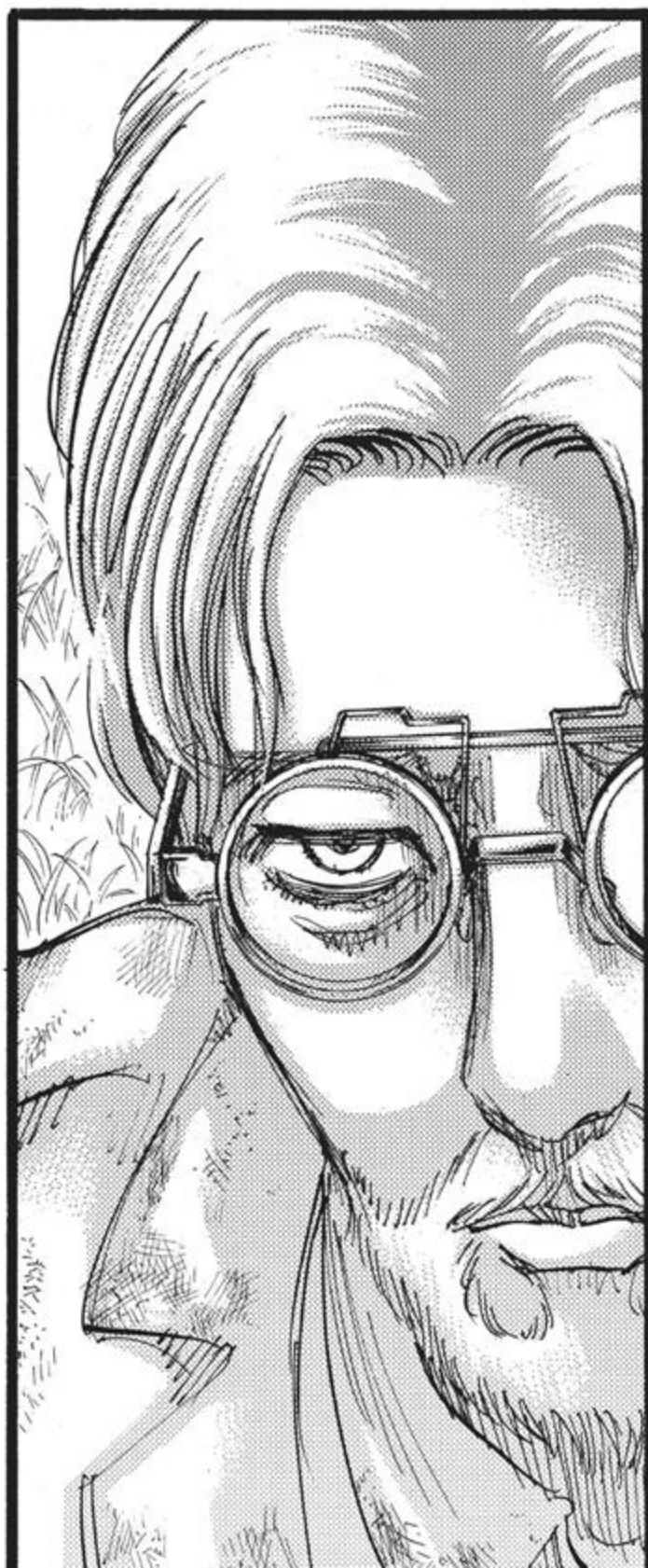
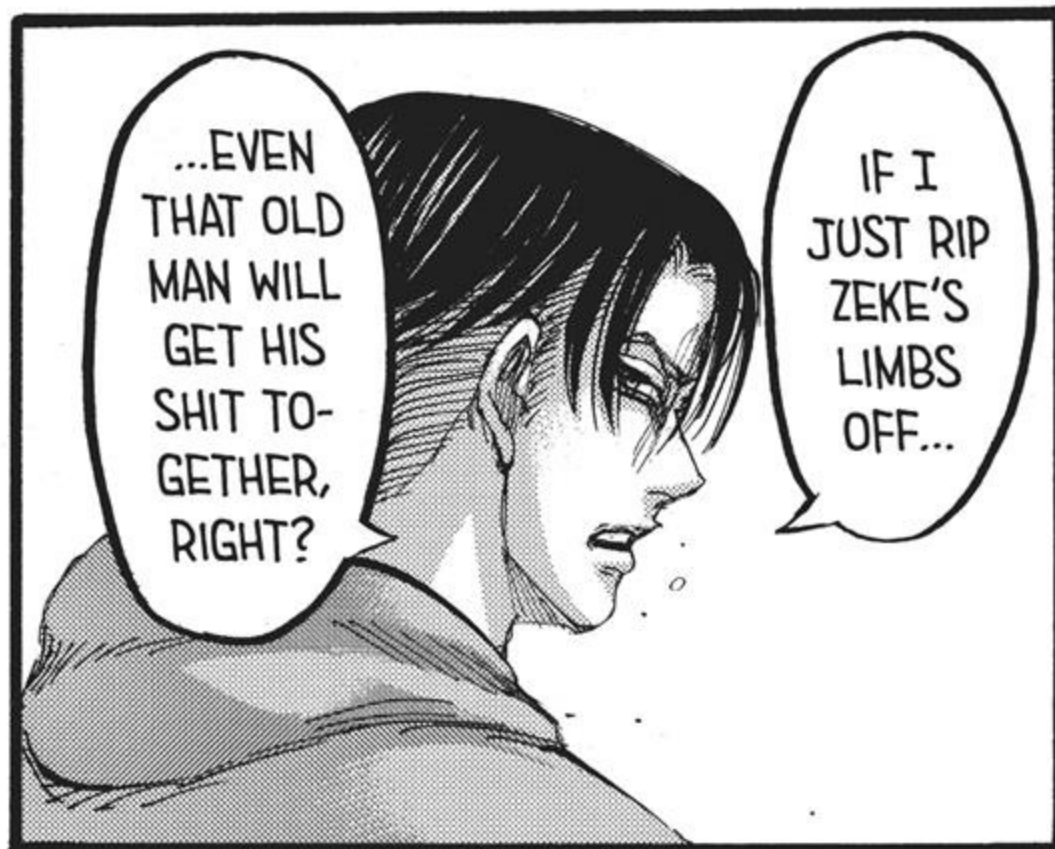
I'M NOT LETTING HIM DICTATE THINGS ANY LONGER.



BUT ELDIA IS DONE FOR IF THERE'S AN ALL-OUT ATTACK ON US DURING THOSE MONTHS!

WHA...?!

AND THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW IF THE BIRTH WILL HAVE COMPLICATIONS...





EVEN IF HE TURNS
INTO THE BEAST
TITAN...

...THERE'S NO
WAY FOR HIM TO
ESCAPE.

THERE ARE 30
FULLY-ARMED
SOLDIERS UP IN
THE TREES, SUR-
ROUNDING THIS
FOREST.

NOW THAT
WE KNOW
THAT
HE'S JUST
A HOSTAGE.
AND HOS-
TAGES DON'T
NEED LIMBS.

THAT BEARDED
BASTARD REALLY
WAS OUR ENEMY
ALL ALONG.

...THIS HAS
BEEN A LONG
TIME COMING.

IT LOOKS LIKE
I'LL FINALLY
BE ABLE TO
FULFILL THE
VOW I MADE
TO YOU THAT
DAY.

ERWIN...

AT LAST, I'LL BE
ABLE TO PROVE IT.

YOUR DEATHS
MEANT
SOMETHING.







ATTACK on TITAN